

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 105-388, §9(b), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3484, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall issue such regulations as are necessary to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section].

“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE.—Regulations issued to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a) shall not be subject to—

“(A) section 523 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6393); or

“(B) section 501 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7191).”

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAWDOWN AND SALE

Provisions related to drawdown and sale from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve were contained in the following acts:

Pub. L. 118-42, div. D, title III, §308, Mar. 9, 2024, 138 Stat. 208.

Pub. L. 117-58, div. I, §90002(a)–(c)(1), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1342.

Pub. L. 116-136, div. B, title IV, §14002(b), Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 526.

Pub. L. 116-94, div. C, title III, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2671.

Pub. L. 115-270, title III, §3009, Oct. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 3870.

Pub. L. 115-244, div. A, title III, Sept. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 2908.

Pub. L. 115-141, div. D, title III, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 520.

Pub. L. 115-141, div. O, title V, §501(a), (b), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1079, 1080.

Pub. L. 115-123, div. C, title II, §30204(a), (b), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 126, 127, as amended by Pub. L. 117-328, div. M, title III, §1301(d), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5194.

Pub. L. 115-97, title II, §20003, Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2237.

Pub. L. 115-56, div. D, §158, as added by Pub. L. 115-123, div. B, §20101(2), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 120.

Pub. L. 114-255, div. A, title V, §5010(a), (b), Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1197, 1198.

Pub. L. 114-94, div. C, title XXXII, §32204, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1740, as amended by Pub. L. 117-328, div. M, title III, §1301(c), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5194.

Pub. L. 114-74, title IV, §403, Nov. 2, 2015, 129 Stat. 589, as amended by Pub. L. 117-328, div. M, title III, §1301(b), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5194.

§ 6242. Coordination with import quota system

No quantitative restriction on the importation of any petroleum product into the United States imposed by law shall apply to volumes of any such petroleum product imported into the United States for storage in the Reserve.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §162, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 889.)

§ 6243. Records and accounts

(a) Preparation and maintenance

The Secretary may require any person to prepare and maintain such records or accounts as the Secretary, by rule, determines necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.

(b) Audit of operations of storage facility

The Secretary may audit the operations of any storage facility in which any petroleum product is stored or required to be stored pursuant to the provisions of this part.

(c) Access to and inspection of records or accounts and storage facilities

The Secretary may require access to, and the right to inspect and examine, at reasonable

times, (1) any records or accounts required to be prepared or maintained pursuant to subsection (a) and (2) any storage facilities subject to audit by the United States under the authority of this part.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §163, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 889; Pub. L. 95-619, title VI, §691(b)(2), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3288.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-619 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”, meaning Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, wherever appearing.

§ 6244. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-469, title I, § 103(16), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2032

Section, Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §164, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 889; Pub. L. 94-258, title I, §105(a), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 305; Pub. L. 95-619, title VI, §691(b)(2), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3288, required a report on development of Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 4.

§ 6245. Annual report

The Secretary shall report annually to the President and the Congress on actions taken to implement this part. This report shall include—

(1) the status of the physical capacity of the Reserve and the type and quantity of petroleum products in the Reserve;

(2) an estimate of the schedule and cost to complete planned equipment upgrade or capital investment in the Reserve, including upgrades and investments carried out as part of operational maintenance or extension of life activities;

(3) an identification of any life-limiting conditions or operational problems at any Reserve facility, and proposed remedial actions including an estimate of the schedule and cost of implementing those remedial actions;

(4) a description of current withdrawal and distribution rates and capabilities, and an identification of any operational or other limitations on those rates and capabilities;

(5) a listing of petroleum product acquisitions made in the preceding year and planned in the following year, including quantity, price, and type of petroleum;

(6) a summary of the actions taken to develop, operate, and maintain the Reserve;

(7) a summary of the financial status and financial transactions of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Strategic Petroleum Reserve Petroleum Accounts for the year;

(8) a summary of expenses for the year, and the number of Federal and contractor employees;

(9) the status of contracts for development, operation, maintenance, distribution, and other activities related to the implementation of this part;

(10) a summary of foreign oil storage agreements and their implementation status;

(11) any recommendations for supplemental legislation or policy or operational changes the Secretary considers necessary or appropriate to implement this part.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §165, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 889; Pub. L. 95-619, title VI, §691(b)(2), Nov. 9,

1978, 92 Stat. 3288; Pub. L. 97-35, title X, §1035(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 620; Pub. L. 99-509, title III, §3203, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1890; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1051(j), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 717; Pub. L. 106-469, title I, §103(17), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2032.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-469 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section required the Secretary to report to the President and to Congress, not later than one year after the transmittal of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Plan to the Congress and each year thereafter, on all actions taken to implement this part.

1995—Pub. L. 104-66 struck out subsec. (a) designation before “The Secretary shall”, and struck out subsec. (b) which directed Secretary to report to Congress on activities undertaken with respect to Strategic Petroleum Reserve under the amendments made by Strategic Petroleum Reserve Amendments Act of 1981.

1986—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 99-509 amended par. (1) generally, inserting “, including” in introductory text and adding subpars. (A) to (G).

1981—Pub. L. 97-35 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1978—Pub. L. 95-619 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”, meaning Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, wherever appearing.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1038 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 6240 of this title.

REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON PETROLEUM SUPPLY INTERRUPTIONS

Pub. L. 97-229, §6, Aug. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 253, provided that:

“(a) **IMPACT ANALYSIS.**—(1) The Secretary of Energy shall analyze the impact on the domestic economy and on consumers in the United States of reliance on market allocation and pricing during any substantial reduction in the amount of petroleum products available to the United States. In making such analysis, the Secretary of Energy may consult with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies. Such analysis shall—

“(A) examine the equity and efficiency of such reliance,

“(B) distinguish between the impacts of such reliance on various categories of business (including small business and agriculture) and on households of different income levels,

“(C) specify the nature and administration of monetary and fiscal policies that would be followed including emergency tax cuts, emergency block grants, and emergency supplements to income maintenance programs, and

“(D) describe the likely impact on the distribution of petroleum products of State and local laws and regulations (including emergency authorities) affecting the distribution of petroleum products.

Such analysis shall include projections of the effect of the petroleum supply reduction on the price of motor gasoline, home heating oil, and diesel fuel, and on Federal tax revenues, Federal royalty receipts, and State and local tax revenues.

“(2) Within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 3, 1982], the Secretary of Energy shall submit a report to the Congress and the President containing the analysis required by this subsection, including a detailed step-by-step description of the proce-

dures by which the policies specified in paragraph (1)(C) would be accomplished in an emergency, along with such recommendations as the Secretary of Energy deems appropriate.

“(b) **STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAWDOWN AND DISTRIBUTION REPORT.**—The President shall prepare and transmit to the Congress, at the time he transmits the drawdown plan pursuant to section 4(c) [section 4(c) of Pub. L. 97-229, set out as a note under 42 U.S.C. 6234], a report containing—

“(1) a description of the foreseeable situations (including selective and general embargoes, sabotage, war, act of God, or accident) which could result in a severe energy supply interruption or obligations of the United States arising under the international energy program necessitating distributions from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and

“(2) a description of the strategy or alternative strategies of distribution which could reasonably be used to respond to each situation described under paragraph (1), together with the theory and justification underlying each such strategy.

The description of each strategy under paragraph (2) shall include an explanation of the methods which would likely be used to determine the price and distribution of petroleum products from the Reserve in any such distribution, and an explanation of the disposition of revenues arising from sales of any such petroleum products under the strategy.

“(c) **REGIONAL RESERVE REPORT.**—The President or his delegate shall submit to the Congress no later than December 31, 1982, a report regarding the actions taken to comply with the provisions of section 157 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6237). Such report shall include an analysis of the economic benefits and costs of establishing Regional Petroleum Reserves, including—

“(1) an assessment of the ability to transport petroleum products to refiners, distributors, and end users within the regions specified in section 157(a) of such Act;

“(2) the comparative costs of creating and operating Regional Petroleum Reserves for such regions as compared to the costs of continuing current plans for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

“(3) a list of potential sites for Regional Petroleum Reserves.

“(d) **STRATEGIC ALCOHOL FUEL RESERVE REPORT.**—The Secretary of Energy shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, prepare and transmit to the Congress no later than December 31, 1982, a study of the potential for establishing a Strategic Alcohol Fuel Reserve.

“(e) **MEANING OF TERMS.**—As used in this section, the terms ‘international energy program’, ‘petroleum product’, ‘Reserve’, ‘severe energy supply interruption’, and ‘Strategic Petroleum Reserve’ have the meanings given such terms in sections 3 and 152 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6202 and 6232).”

§ 6246. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are necessary to carry out this part and part D, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §166, as added Pub. L. 109-58, title III, §301(a)(1), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 683.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 6246, Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §166, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 95-70, §4, July 21, 1977, 91 Stat. 277; Pub. L. 97-35, title X, §1034(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 619; Pub. L. 104-306, §1(1), Oct. 14, 1996, 110 Stat. 3810; Pub. L. 105-177, §1(1), June 1, 1998, 112 Stat. 105;