

merce jointly: *Provided further*, That all Federal claims for reimbursement under this section shall automatically expire twenty years from the date of approval of the contracts entered into, in accordance with the provisions thereof, unless sooner terminated by agreement between the owners or lessees of the potash mineral rights and oil and the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly: *Provided further*, That said contract or contracts shall not restrict the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly in the choice of drilling locations within the property or in the conduct of the exploratory operations, so long as such selection or conduct do not interfere unreasonably with the surface of the land or with the improvements thereof, and said contract or contracts shall provide that the United States shall not be liable for damages on account of such reasonable use of the surface as may be necessary in the proper conduct of the work.

(June 25, 1926, ch. 674, §2, 44 Stat. 768; Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 356, 44 Stat. 1388.)

AMENDMENTS

1927—Act Mar. 3, 1927, amended provisions generally.

§ 4c. Investigation of sub-bituminous and lignite coal

The United States Bureau of Mines, under the general direction of the Secretary of the Interior, is authorized to conduct investigations, studies, and experiments on its own initiative and in cooperation with individuals, State institutions, laboratories, and other organizations, with a view to (1) the development of a commercially practicable carbonization method of processing sub-bituminous and lignite coal so as to convert such coal into an all-purpose fuel, to provide fertilizers, and obtain such other by-products thereof as may be commercially valuable; (2) the development of efficient methods, equipment, and devices for burning lignite or char therefrom; and (3) determining and developing methods for more efficient utilization of such sub-bituminous and lignite coal for purposes of generating electric power.

(May 15, 1936, ch. 397, §1, 49 Stat. 1275; May 18, 1992, Pub. L. 102-285, §10(b), 106 Stat. 172.)

CHANGE OF NAME

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

See note set out under section 1 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 4d of this title.

§ 4d. Plants, machinery, and equipment

The United States Bureau of Mines is further authorized, under the general direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to erect such plants, construct and purchase such machinery and equipment, and to take such other steps as it may deem necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes of section 4c of this title.

(May 15, 1936, ch. 397, §2, 49 Stat. 1275; May 18, 1992, Pub. L. 102-285, §10(b), 106 Stat. 172.)

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§ 4e. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act May 15, 1936, ch. 397, §3, 49 Stat. 1275, appropriated \$100,000 for carrying out provisions of sections 4c and 4d of this title to be expended during certain fiscal years, the last ending June 30, 1939.

§§ 4f to 4o. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Sections 4f to 4o were transferred to sections 451 to 460, respectively, of this title, and subsequently repealed by Pub. L. 91-173, title V, §509, Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 803.

§ 5. Reports of investigations

The Director of the United States Bureau of Mines shall prepare and publish, subject to the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, under the appropriations made from time to time by Congress, reports of inquiries and investigations, with appropriate recommendations of the bureau, concerning the nature, causes, and prevention of accidents, and the improvement of conditions, methods, and equipment, with special reference to health, safety, and prevention of waste in the mining, quarrying, metallurgical, and other mineral industries; the use of explosives and electricity, safety methods and appliances, and rescue and first-aid work in said industries; the causes and prevention of mine fires; and other subjects included under the provisions of sections 1, 3, and 5 to 7 of this title. (May 16, 1910, ch. 240, §3, 36 Stat. 370; Feb. 25, 1913, ch. 72, §3, 37 Stat. 681; Ex. Ord. No. 4239, June 4, 1925; Ex. Ord. No. 6611, Feb. 22, 1934; May 18, 1992, Pub. L. 102-285, §10(b), 106 Stat. 172.)

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SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1, 3, 6, 7, 8 of this title; title 42 sections 5821, 7152.

§ 6. Personal interest of director and members of Bureau in mines

In conducting inquiries and investigations authorized under sections 1, 3, and 5 to 7 of this title neither the director nor any member of the United States Bureau of Mines shall have any personal or private interest in any mine or the products of any mine under investigation, or shall accept employment from any private party for services in the examination of any mine or private mineral property, or issue any report as to the valuation or the management of any mine or other private mineral property. Nothing here-