

such tribe or individual Indian shall have available advice, assistance, and information during the negotiation of a Minerals Agreement. The Secretary may fulfill this responsibility either directly through the use of Federal officials and resources or indirectly by providing financial assistance to the Indian tribe or individual Indian to secure independent assistance.

(Pub. L. 97-382, § 7, Dec. 22, 1982, 96 Stat. 1940.)

**§ 2107. Regulations; consultation with Indian organizations; pending agreements**

Within one hundred and eighty days of December 22, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior shall promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate implementation of this chapter. The Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, consult with national and regional Indian organizations and tribes with expertise in mineral development both in the initial formulation of rules and regulations and any future revision or amendment of such rules and regulations. Where there is pending before the Secretary for his approval a Minerals Agreement of the type authorized by section 2102 of this title which was submitted prior to December 22, 1982, the Secretary shall evaluate and approve or disapprove such agreement based upon section 2103 of this title, but shall not withhold or delay such approval or disapproval on the grounds that the rules and regulations implementing this chapter have not been promulgated.

(Pub. L. 97-382, § 8, Dec. 22, 1982, 96 Stat. 1940.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 2104 of this title.

**§ 2108. Tribal right to develop mineral resources**

Nothing in this chapter shall impair any right of an Indian tribe organized under section 16 or 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 987), as amended [25 U.S.C. 476, 477], to develop their mineral resources as may be provided in any constitution or charter adopted by such tribe pursuant to that Act [25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.].

(Pub. L. 97-382, § 9, Dec. 22, 1982, 96 Stat. 1940.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 18, 1934, referred to in text, popularly known as the Indian Reorganization Act, is classified generally to subchapter V (§ 461 et seq.) of chapter 14 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 461 of this title and Tables.

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 348, 372, 373, 464 of this title.

**§ 2201. Definitions**

For the purpose of this chapter—