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AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the "American-Made En-4 5 ergy and Good Jobs Act". SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS. 6 7 In this Act: 8 COASTAL PLAIN.—The term "Coastal 9 Plain" means that area described in appendix I to 10 part 37 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. 11 (2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary", except 12 as otherwise provided, means the Secretary of the 13 Interior or the Secretary's designee. SEC. 3. LEASING PROGRAM FOR LANDS WITHIN THE 14 15 COASTAL PLAIN. 16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take such ac-17 tions as are necessary— 18 (1) to establish and implement, in accordance 19 with this Act and acting through the Director of the 20 Bureau of Land Management in consultation with 21 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife 22 Service, a competitive oil and gas leasing program 23 that will result in an environmentally sound program 24 for the exploration, development, and production of

the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain; and

1 (2) to administer the provisions of this Act 2 through regulations, lease terms, conditions, restric-3 tions, prohibitions, stipulations, and other provisions 4 that ensure the oil and gas exploration, development, 5 and production activities on the Coastal Plain will 6 result in no significant adverse effect on fish and 7 wildlife, their habitat, subsistence resources, and the 8 environment, including, in furtherance of this goal, 9 by requiring the application of the best commercially 10 available technology for oil and gas exploration, de-11 velopment, and production to all exploration, devel-12 opment, and production operations under this Act in 13 a manner that ensures the receipt of fair market 14 value by the public for the mineral resources to be 15 leased.

(b) Repeal.—

- 17 (1) Repeal.—Section 1003 of the Alaska Na-18 tional Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (16 19 U.S.C. 3143) is repealed.
- 20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of 21 contents in section 1 of such Act is amended by 22 striking the item relating to section 1003.
- 23 (c) Compliance With Requirements Under Cer-
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- (1) Compatibility.—For purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.), the oil and gas leasing program and activities authorized by this section in the Coastal Plain are deemed to be compatible with the purposes for which the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was established, and no further findings or decisions are required to implement this determination.
 - (2) ADEQUACY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.—The "Final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement" (April 1987) on the Coastal Plain prepared pursuant to section 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 3142) and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)) is deemed to satisfy the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 that apply with respect to prelease activities, including actions authorized to be taken by the Secretary to develop and promulgate the regulations for the establishment of a leasing program authorized by this Act before the conduct of the first lease sale.

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(3) Compliance with Nepa for other ac-TIONS.—Before conducting the first lease sale under this Act, the Secretary shall prepare an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to the actions authorized by this Act that are not referred to in paragraph (2). Notwithstanding any other law, the Secretary is not required to identify nonleasing alternative courses of action or to analyze the environmental effects of such courses of action. The Secretary shall only identify a preferred action for such leasing and a single leasing alternative, and analyze the environmental effects and potential mitigation measures for those two alternatives. The identification of the preferred action and related analysis for the first lease sale under this Act shall be completed within 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act. The Secretary shall only consider public comments that specifically address the Secretary's preferred action and that are filed within 20 days after publication of an environmental analysis. Notwithstanding any other law, compliance with this paragraph is deemed to satisfy all requirements for the analysis and consideration of the environmental effects of proposed leasing under this Act.

- 1 (d) Relationship to State and Local Author-
- 2 ITY.—Nothing in this Act shall be considered to expand
- 3 or limit State and local regulatory authority.
- 4 (e) Special Areas.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, after con-5 6 sultation with the State of Alaska, the city of 7 Kaktovik, and the North Slope Borough, may des-8 ignate up to a total of 45,000 acres of the Coastal 9 Plain as a Special Area if the Secretary determines 10 that the Special Area is of such unique character 11 and interest so as to require special management 12 and regulatory protection. The Secretary shall des-13 ignate as such a Special Area the Sadlerochit Spring 14 area, comprising approximately 4,000 acres.
 - (2) Management.—Each such Special Area shall be managed so as to protect and preserve the area's unique and diverse character including its fish, wildlife, and subsistence resource values.
 - (3) EXCLUSION FROM LEASING OR SURFACE OCCUPANCY.—The Secretary may exclude any Special Area from leasing. If the Secretary leases a Special Area, or any part thereof, for purposes of oil and gas exploration, development, production, and related activities, there shall be no surface occupancy of the lands comprising the Special Area.

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- 1 (4) DIRECTIONAL DRILLING.—Notwithstanding
 2 the other provisions of this subsection, the Secretary
 3 may lease all or a portion of a Special Area under
 4 terms that permit the use of horizontal drilling tech5 nology from sites on leases located outside the Spe6 cial Area.
- 7 (f) LIMITATION ON CLOSED AREAS.—The Sec-8 retary's sole authority to close lands within the Coastal 9 Plain to oil and gas leasing and to exploration, develop-10 ment, and production is that set forth in this Act.

11 (g) Regulations.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act, including rules and regulations relating to protection of the fish and wildlife, their habitat, subsistence resources, and environment of the Coastal Plain, by no later than 15 months after the date of enactment of this Act.
 - (2) REVISION OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the rules and regulations issued under subsection (a) to reflect any significant biological, environmental, or engineering data that come to the Secretary's attention.

SEC. 4. LEASE SALES.

- 2 (a) In General.—Lands may be leased pursuant to
- 3 this Act to any person qualified to obtain a lease for depos-
- 4 its of oil and gas under the Mineral Leasing Act (30
- 5 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).
- 6 (b) Procedures.—The Secretary shall, by regula-
- 7 tion, establish procedures for—
- 8 (1) receipt and consideration of sealed nomina-
- 9 tions for any area in the Coastal Plain for inclusion
- in, or exclusion (as provided in subsection (c)) from,
- 11 a lease sale;
- 12 (2) the holding of lease sales after such nomina-
- tion process; and
- 14 (3) public notice of and comment on designa-
- tion of areas to be included in, or excluded from, a
- lease sale.
- 17 (c) Lease Sale Bids.—Bidding for leases under
- 18 this Act shall be by sealed competitive cash bonus bids.
- 19 (d) ACREAGE MINIMUM IN FIRST SALE.—In the first
- 20 lease sale under this Act, the Secretary shall offer for lease
- 21 those tracts the Secretary considers to have the greatest
- 22 potential for the discovery of hydrocarbons, taking into
- 23 consideration nominations received pursuant to subsection
- (b)(1), but in no case less than 200,000 acres.
- 25 (e) Timing of Lease Sales.—The Secretary
- 26 shall—

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1	(1) conduct the first lease sale under this Act
2	within 22 months after the date of the enactment of
3	this Act; and
4	(2) conduct additional sales so long as sufficient
5	interest in development exists to warrant, in the Sec-
6	retary's judgment, the conduct of such sales.
7	SEC. 5. GRANT OF LEASES BY THE SECRETARY.
8	(a) In General.—The Secretary may grant to the
9	highest responsible qualified bidder in a lease sale con-
10	ducted pursuant to section 4 any lands to be leased on
11	the Coastal Plain upon payment by the lessee of such
12	bonus as may be accepted by the Secretary.
13	(b) Subsequent Transfers.—No lease issued
14	under this Act may be sold, exchanged, assigned, sublet,
15	or otherwise transferred except with the approval of the
16	Secretary. Prior to any such approval the Secretary shall
17	consult with, and give due consideration to the views of,
18	the Attorney General.
19	SEC. 6. LEASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
20	(a) In General.—An oil or gas lease issued pursu-
21	ant to this Act shall—
22	(1) provide for the payment of a royalty of not

less than $12\frac{1}{2}$ percent in amount or value of the

production removed or sold from the lease, as deter-

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- mined by the Secretary under the regulations applicable to other Federal oil and gas leases;
 - (2) provide that the Secretary may close, on a seasonal basis, portions of the Coastal Plain to exploratory drilling activities as necessary to protect caribou calving areas and other species of fish and wildlife;
 - (3) require that the lessee of lands within the Coastal Plain shall be fully responsible and liable for the reclamation of lands within the Coastal Plain and any other Federal lands that are adversely affected in connection with exploration, development, production, or transportation activities conducted under the lease and within the Coastal Plain by the lessee or by any of the subcontractors or agents of the lessee;
 - (4) provide that the lessee may not delegate or convey, by contract or otherwise, the reclamation responsibility and liability to another person without the express written approval of the Secretary;
 - (5) provide that the standard of reclamation for lands required to be reclaimed under this Act shall be, as nearly as practicable, a condition capable of supporting the uses which the lands were capable of supporting prior to any exploration, development, or

- production activities, or upon application by the lessee, to a higher or better use as approved by the Secretary;
- 4 (6) contain terms and conditions relating to 5 protection of fish and wildlife, their habitat, subsist-6 ence resources, and the environment as required 7 pursuant to section 3(a)(2);
 - (7) provide that the lessee, its agents, and its contractors use best efforts to provide a fair share, as determined by the level of obligation previously agreed to in the 1974 agreement implementing section 29 of the Federal Agreement and Grant of Right of Way for the Operation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, of employment and contracting for Alaska Natives and Alaska Native Corporations from throughout the State;
 - (8) prohibit the export of oil produced under the lease; and
 - (9) contain such other provisions as the Secretary determines necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act and the regulations issued under this Act.
- (b) PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary,
 as a term and condition of each lease under this Act and
 in recognizing the Government's proprietary interest in

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- 1 labor stability and in the ability of construction labor and
- 2 management to meet the particular needs and conditions
- 3 of projects to be developed under the leases issued pursu-
- 4 ant to this Act and the special concerns of the parties to
- 5 such leases, shall require that the lessee and its agents
- 6 and contractors negotiate to obtain a project labor agree-
- 7 ment for the employment of laborers and mechanics on
- 8 production, maintenance, and construction under the
- 9 lease.

10 SEC. 7. COASTAL PLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

- 11 (a) No Significant Adverse Effect Standard
- 12 TO GOVERN AUTHORIZED COASTAL PLAIN ACTIVITIES.—
- 13 The Secretary shall, consistent with the requirements of
- 14 section 3, administer the provisions of this Act through
- 15 regulations, lease terms, conditions, restrictions, prohibi-
- 16 tions, stipulations, and other provisions that—
- 17 (1) ensure the oil and gas exploration, develop-
- ment, and production activities on the Coastal Plain
- will result in no significant adverse effect on fish
- and wildlife, their habitat, and the environment;
- 21 (2) require the application of the best commer-
- cially available technology for oil and gas explo-
- ration, development, and production on all new ex-
- 24 ploration, development, and production operations;
- 25 and

- 1 (3) ensure that the maximum amount of sur-2 face acreage covered by production and support fa-
- 3 cilities, including airstrips and any areas covered by
- 4 gravel berms or piers for support of pipelines, does
- 5 not exceed 2,000 acres on the Coastal Plain.
- 6 (b) SITE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION.—
- 7 The Secretary shall also require, with respect to any pro-
- 8 posed drilling and related activities, that—
- 9 (1) a site-specific analysis be made of the prob-
- able effects, if any, that the drilling or related activi-
- ties will have on fish and wildlife, their habitat, sub-
- sistence resources, and the environment;
- 13 (2) a plan be implemented to avoid, minimize,
- and mitigate (in that order and to the extent prac-
- ticable) any significant adverse effect identified
- under paragraph (1); and
- 17 (3) the development of the plan shall occur
- after consultation with the agency or agencies hav-
- ing jurisdiction over matters mitigated by the plan.
- 20 (c) Regulations to Protect Coastal Plain
- 21 FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES, SUBSISTENCE USERS,
- 22 AND THE ENVIRONMENT.—Before implementing the leas-
- 23 ing program authorized by this Act, the Secretary shall
- 24 prepare and promulgate regulations, lease terms, condi-
- 25 tions, restrictions, prohibitions, stipulations, and other

- 1 measures designed to ensure that the activities undertaken
- 2 on the Coastal Plain under this Act are conducted in a
- 3 manner consistent with the purposes and environmental
- 4 requirements of this Act.
- 5 (d) Compliance With Federal and State Envi-
- 6 RONMENTAL LAWS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The
- 7 proposed regulations, lease terms, conditions, restrictions,
- 8 prohibitions, and stipulations for the leasing program
- 9 under this Act shall require compliance with all applicable
- 10 provisions of Federal and State environmental law, and
- 11 shall also require the following:
- 12 (1) Standards at least as effective as the safety
- and environmental mitigation measures set forth in
- items 1 through 29 at pages 167 through 169 of the
- 15 "Final Legislative Environmental Impact State-
- ment" (April 1987) on the Coastal Plain.
- 17 (2) Seasonal limitations on exploration, develop-
- ment, and related activities, where necessary, to
- avoid significant adverse effects during periods of
- 20 concentrated fish and wildlife breeding, denning,
- 21 nesting, spawning, and migration.
- 22 (3) That exploration activities, except for sur-
- face geological studies, be limited to the period be-
- tween approximately November 1 and May 1 each
- year and that exploration activities shall be sup-

- ported, if necessary, by ice roads, winter trails with adequate snow cover, ice pads, ice airstrips, and air transport methods, except that such exploration activities may occur at other times if the Secretary finds that such exploration will have no significant adverse effect on the fish and wildlife, their habitat, and the environment of the Coastal Plain.
 - (4) Design safety and construction standards for all pipelines and any access and service roads, that—
 - (A) minimize, to the maximum extent possible, adverse effects upon the passage of migratory species such as caribou; and
 - (B) minimize adverse effects upon the flow of surface water by requiring the use of culverts, bridges, and other structural devices.
 - (5) Prohibitions on general public access and use on all pipeline access and service roads.
 - (6) Stringent reclamation and rehabilitation requirements, consistent with the standards set forth in this Act, requiring the removal from the Coastal Plain of all oil and gas development and production facilities, structures, and equipment upon completion of oil and gas production operations, except that the Secretary may exempt from the requirements of this

- paragraph those facilities, structures, or equipment that the Secretary determines would assist in the management of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and that are donated to the United States for that purpose.
 - (7) Appropriate prohibitions or restrictions on access by all modes of transportation.
 - (8) Appropriate prohibitions or restrictions on sand and gravel extraction.
 - (9) Consolidation of facility siting.
 - (10) Appropriate prohibitions or restrictions on use of explosives.
 - (11) Avoidance, to the extent practicable, of springs, streams, and river system; the protection of natural surface drainage patterns, wetlands, and riparian habitats; and the regulation of methods or techniques for developing or transporting adequate supplies of water for exploratory drilling.
 - (12) Avoidance or minimization of air traffic-related disturbance to fish and wildlife.
 - (13) Treatment and disposal of hazardous and toxic wastes, solid wastes, reserve pit fluids, drilling muds and cuttings, and domestic wastewater, including an annual waste management report, a hazardous materials tracking system, and a prohibition

1	on chlorinated solvents, in accordance with applica-
2	ble Federal and State environmental law.
3	(14) Fuel storage and oil spill contingency plan-
4	ning.
5	(15) Research, monitoring, and reporting re-
6	quirements.
7	(16) Field crew environmental briefings.
8	(17) Avoidance of significant adverse effects
9	upon subsistence hunting, fishing, and trapping by
10	subsistence users.
11	(18) Compliance with applicable air and water
12	quality standards.
13	(19) Appropriate seasonal and safety zone des-
14	ignations around well sites, within which subsistence
15	hunting and trapping shall be limited.
16	(20) Reasonable stipulations for protection of
17	cultural and archeological resources.
18	(21) All other protective environmental stipula-
19	tions, restrictions, terms, and conditions deemed
20	necessary by the Secretary.
21	(e) Considerations.—In preparing and promul-
22	gating regulations, lease terms, conditions, restrictions,
23	prohibitions, and stipulations under this section, the Sec-

retary shall consider the following:

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1	(1) The stipulations and conditions that govern
2	the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska leasing pro-
3	gram, as set forth in the 1999 Northeast Nationa
4	Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Final Integrated Activity
5	Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.
6	(2) The environmental protection standards
7	that governed the initial Coastal Plain seismic explo-
8	ration program under parts 37.31 to 37.33 of title
9	50, Code of Federal Regulations.
10	(3) The land use stipulations for exploratory
11	drilling on the KIC-ASRC private lands that are set
12	forth in Appendix 2 of the August 9, 1983, agree
13	ment between Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and
14	the United States.
15	(f) Facility Consolidation Planning.—
16	(1) In general.—The Secretary shall, after
17	providing for public notice and comment, prepare
18	and update periodically a plan to govern, guide, and
19	direct the siting and construction of facilities for the
20	exploration, development, production, and transpor-
21	tation of Coastal Plain oil and gas resources.
22	(2) Objectives.—The plan shall have the fol-
23	lowing objectives:
24	(A) Avoiding unnecessary duplication of fa

cilities and activities.

1	(B) Encouraging consolidation of common
2	facilities and activities.
3	(C) Locating or confining facilities and ac-
4	tivities to areas that will minimize impact on
5	fish and wildlife, their habitat, and the environ-
6	ment.
7	(D) Utilizing existing facilities wherever
8	practicable.
9	(E) Enhancing compatibility between wild-
10	life values and development activities.
11	(g) Access to Public Lands.—The Secretary
12	shall—
13	(1) manage public lands in the Coastal Plain
14	subject to subsections (a) and (b) of section 811 of
15	the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
16	Act (16 U.S.C. 3121); and
17	(2) ensure that local residents shall have rea-
18	sonable access to public lands in the Coastal Plain
19	for traditional uses.
20	SEC. 8. EXPEDITED JUDICIAL REVIEW.
21	(a) FILING OF COMPLAINT.—
22	(1) Deadline.—Subject to paragraph (2), any
23	complaint seeking judicial review of any provision of
24	this Act or any action of the Secretary under this
25	Act shall be filed—

- 1 (A) except as provided in subparagraph
 2 (B), within the 90-day period beginning on the
 3 date of the action being challenged; or
 - (B) in the case of a complaint based solely on grounds arising after such period, within 90 days after the complainant knew or reasonably should have known of the grounds for the complaint.
 - (2) Venue.—Any complaint seeking judicial review of any provision of this Act or any action of the Secretary under this Act may be filed only in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.
 - (3) Limitation on scope of certain review.—Judicial review of a Secretarial decision to conduct a lease sale under this Act, including the environmental analysis thereof, shall be limited to whether the Secretary has complied with the terms of this Act and shall be based upon the administrative record of that decision. The Secretary's identification of a preferred course of action to enable leasing to proceed and the Secretary's analysis of environmental effects under this Act shall be presumed to be correct unless shown otherwise by clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

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1 (b) Limitation on Other Review.—Actions of the 2 Secretary with respect to which review could have been 3 obtained under this section shall not be subject to judicial 4 review in any civil or criminal proceeding for enforcement. SEC. 9. FEDERAL AND STATE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES. 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-7 sion of law, of the amount of adjusted bonus, rental, and 8 royalty revenues from Federal oil and gas leasing and operations authorized under this Act— 10 (1) 50 percent shall be paid to the State of 11 Alaska; and 12 (2) except as provided in section 12(d), the bal-13 ance shall be deposited into the Treasury as mis-14 cellaneous receipts. 15 (b) Payments to Alaska.—Payments to the State of Alaska under this section shall be made semiannually. 16 17 SEC. 10. RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THE COASTAL PLAIN. 18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue rights-19 of-way and easements across the Coastal Plain for the 20 transportation of oil and gas— 21 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), under 22 section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 23 185), without regard to title XI of the Alaska Na-24 tional Interest Lands Conservation Act (30 U.S.C.

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3161 et seq.); and

- 1 (2) under title XI of the Alaska National Inter-
- est Lands Conservation Act (30 U.S.C. 3161 et
- 3 seq.), for access authorized by sections 1110 and
- 4 1111 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3170 and 3171).
- 5 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall
- 6 include in any right-of-way or easement issued under sub-
- 7 section (a) such terms and conditions as may be necessary
- 8 to ensure that transportation of oil and gas does not result
- 9 in a significant adverse effect on the fish and wildlife, sub-
- 10 sistence resources, their habitat, and the environment of
- 11 the Coastal Plain, including requirements that facilities be
- 12 sited or designed so as to avoid unnecessary duplication
- 13 of roads and pipelines.
- (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall include in
- 15 regulations under section 3(g) provisions granting rights-
- 16 of-way and easements described in subsection (a) of this
- 17 section.
- 18 SEC. 11. CONVEYANCE.
- 19 In order to maximize Federal revenues by removing
- 20 clouds on title to lands and clarifying land ownership pat-
- 21 terns within the Coastal Plain, the Secretary, notwith-
- 22 standing the provisions of section 1302(h)(2) of the Alas-
- 23 ka National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
- 24 3192(h)(2)), shall convey—

1 (1) to the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation the 2 surface estate of the lands described in paragraph 1 3 of Public Land Order 6959, to the extent necessary to fulfill the Corporation's entitlement under sections 12 and 14 of the Alaska Native Claims Settle-5 ment Act (43 U.S.C. 1611 and 1613) in accordance 6 7 with the terms and conditions of the Agreement be-8 tween the Department of the Interior, the United 9 States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of 10 Land Management, and the Kaktovik Inupiat Cor-11 poration effective January 22, 1993; and

> (2) to the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation the remaining subsurface estate to which it is entitled pursuant to the August 9, 1983, agreement between the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the United States of America.

17 SEC. 12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT AID AND COMMU-

18 NITY SERVICE ASSISTANCE.

- 19 (a) Financial Assistance Authorized.—
- 20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use 21 amounts available from the Coastal Plain Local Gov-22 ernment Impact Aid Assistance Fund established by 23 subsection (d) to provide timely financial assistance 24 to entities that are eligible under paragraph (2) and 25 that are directly impacted by the exploration for or

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- production of oil and gas on the Coastal Plain under this Act.
- ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The North Slope 3 4 Borough, the City of Kaktovik, and any other bor-5 ough, municipal subdivision, village, or other com-6 munity in the State of Alaska that is directly im-7 pacted by exploration for, or the production of, oil 8 or gas on the Coastal Plain under this Act, as deter-9 mined by the Secretary, shall be eligible for financial 10 assistance under this section.
- 11 (b) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—Financial assistance 12 under this section may be used only for—
- 13 (1) planning for mitigation of the potential ef-14 fects of oil and gas exploration and development on 15 environmental, social, cultural, recreational, and sub-16 sistence values;
 - (2) implementing mitigation plans and maintaining mitigation projects;
 - (3) developing, carrying out, and maintaining projects and programs that provide new or expanded public facilities and services to address needs and problems associated with such effects, including fire-fighting, police, water, waste treatment, medivac, and medical services; and

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1	(4) establishment of a coordination office, by
2	the north slope borough, in the city of kaktovik,
3	which shall—
4	(A) coordinate with and advise developers
5	on local conditions, impact, and history of the
6	areas utilized for development; and
7	(B) provide to the Committee on Resources
8	of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9	mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
10	Senate an annual report on the status of co-
11	ordination between developers and the commu-
12	nities affected by development.
13	(c) Application.—
14	(1) In general.—Any community that is eligi-
15	ble for assistance under this section may submit an
16	application for such assistance to the Secretary, in
17	such form and under such procedures as the Sec-
18	retary may prescribe by regulation.
19	(2) North slope borough communities.—A
20	community located in the North Slope Borough may
21	apply for assistance under this section either directly
22	to the Secretary or through the North Slope Bor-
23	ough
24	(3) Application assistance.—The Secretary
25	shall work closely with and assist the North Slope

- Borough and other communities eligible for assistance under this section in developing and submitting
- applications for assistance under this section.
- 4 (d) Establishment of Fund.—
- 5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the 6 Treasury the Coastal Plain Local Government Im-7 pact Aid Assistance Fund.
- 8 (2) USE.—Amounts in the fund may be used 9 only for providing financial assistance under this 10 section.
- 11 (3) DEPOSITS.—Subject to paragraph (4), there 12 shall be deposited into the fund amounts received by 13 the United States as revenues derived from rents, 14 bonuses, and royalties from Federal leases and lease 15 sales authorized under this Act.
 - (4) Limitation on deposits.—The total amount in the fund may not exceed \$11,000,000.
- 18 (5) INVESTMENT OF BALANCES.—The Sec-19 retary of the Treasury shall invest amounts in the 20 fund in interest bearing government securities.
- 21 (e) Authorization of Appropriations.—To pro-
- 22 vide financial assistance under this section there is author-
- 23 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary from the Coastal

- 1 Plain Local Government Impact Aid Assistance Fund
- $2\ \$5,000,000$ for each fiscal year.

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