

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 3408  
OFFERED BY MR. LAMBORN OF COLORADO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Investment  
3 in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, En-  
4 ergy, and Resource Security Act” or the “PIONEERS  
5 Act”.

**6 SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF OIL SHALE REGULATIONS,  
7                   AMENDMENTS TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
8                   PLANS, AND RECORD OF DECISION.**

9       (a) REGULATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other law  
10 or regulation to the contrary, the final regulations regard-  
11 ing oil shale management published by the Bureau of  
12 Land Management on November 18, 2008 (73 Fed. Reg.  
13 69,414) are deemed to satisfy all legal and procedural re-  
14 quirements under any law, including the Federal Land  
15 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et  
16 seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.  
17 1531 et seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act of  
18 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Energy Policy Act

1 of 2005 (Public Law 109–58), and the Secretary of the  
2 Interior shall implement those regulations, including the  
3 oil shale leasing program authorized by the regulations,  
4 without any other administrative action necessary.

5 (b) AMENDMENTS TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
6 PLANS AND RECORD OF DECISION.—Notwithstanding  
7 any other law or regulation to the contrary, the November  
8 17, 2008 U.S. Bureau of Land Management Approved Re-  
9 source Management Plan Amendments/Record of Decision  
10 for Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources to Address Land  
11 Use Allocations in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming and  
12 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement are  
13 deemed to satisfy all legal and procedural requirements  
14 under any law, including the Federal Land Policy and  
15 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the  
16 Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.),  
17 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
18 4321 et seq.), and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public  
19 Law 109–58), and the Secretary of the Interior shall im-  
20 plement the oil shale leasing program authorized by the  
21 regulations referred to in subsection (a) in those areas cov-  
22 ered by the resource management plans amended by such  
23 amendments, and covered by such record of decision, with-  
24 out any other administrative action necessary.

1 **SEC. 3. OIL SHALE LEASING.**

2 (a) ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
3 LEASE SALES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall hold  
4 a lease sale within 180 days after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act offering an additional 10 parcels for lease for  
6 research, development, and demonstration of oil shale re-  
7 sources, under the terms offered in the solicitation of bids  
8 for such leases published on January 15, 2009 (74 Fed.  
9 Reg. 10).

10 (b) COMMERCIAL LEASE SALES.—No later than Jan-  
11 uary 1, 2016, the Secretary of the Interior shall hold no  
12 less than 5 separate commercial lease sales in areas con-  
13 sidered to have the most potential for oil shale develop-  
14 ment, as determined by the Secretary, in areas nominated  
15 through public comment. Each lease sale shall be for an  
16 area of not less than 25,000 acres, and in multiple lease  
17 blocs.

18 **SEC. 4. POLICIES REGARDING BUYING, BUILDING, AND**  
19 **WORKING FOR AMERICA.**

20 (a) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—It is the intent of the  
21 Congress that—

22 (1) this Act will support a healthy and growing  
23 United States domestic energy sector that, in turn,  
24 helps to reinvigorate American manufacturing,  
25 transportation, and service sectors by employing the

1 vast talents of United States workers to assist in the  
2 development of energy from domestic sources; and

3 (2) Congress will monitor the deployment of  
4 personnel and material onshore and offshore to en-  
5 courage the development of American technology  
6 and manufacturing to enable United States workers  
7 to benefit from this Act through good jobs and ca-  
8 reers, as well as the establishment of important in-  
9 dustrial facilities to support expanded access to  
10 American resources.

11 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior  
12 shall when possible, and practicable, encourage the use of  
13 United States workers and equipment manufactured in  
14 the United States in all construction related to mineral  
15 resource development.

