

1 (c) BALANCING MILITARY AND ENERGY PRODUC-
2 TION GOALS.—

3 (1) JOINT GOALS.—In recognition that the
4 Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program
5 and the domestic energy resources produced there-
6 from are integral to national security, the Secretary
7 of the Interior and the Secretary of Defense shall
8 work jointly in implementing this section in order to
9 ensure achievement of the following common goals:

10 (A) Preserving the ability of the Armed
11 Forces of the United States to maintain an op-
12 timum state of readiness through their contin-
13 ued use of the Outer Continental Shelf.

14 (B) Allowing effective exploration, develop-
15 ment, and production of our Nation's oil, gas,
16 and renewable energy resources.

17 (2) PROHIBITION ON CONFLICTS WITH MILI-
18 TARY OPERATIONS.—No person may engage in any
19 exploration, development, or production of oil or nat-
20 ural gas off the coast of Virginia that would conflict
21 with any military operation, as determined in ac-
22 cordance with the Memorandum of Agreement be-
23 tween the Department of Defense and the Depart-
24 ment of the Interior on Mutual Concerns on the
25 Outer Continental Shelf signed July 20, 1983, and

1 any revision or replacement for that agreement that
2 is agreed to by the Secretary of Defense and the
3 Secretary of the Interior after that date but before
4 the date of issuance of the lease under which such
5 exploration, development, or production is con-
6 ducted.

7 (3) NATIONAL DEFENSE AREAS.—The United
8 States reserves the right to designate by and
9 through the Secretary of Defense, with the approval
10 of the President, national defense areas on the
11 Outer Continental Shelf pursuant to section 12(d) of
12 the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
13 1341(d)).

