

perform services benefitting more than 1 Indian tribe under this subchapter, the approval of each such Indian tribe shall be a prerequisite to entering into the contract or making the grant.

**(f) Ownership of facilities**

Title to any facility planned, designed, and recommended for construction under this subchapter shall be held by the non-Federal project entity.

**(g) Expedited procedures**

If the Secretary determines that a community to be served by a proposed rural water supply project has urgent and compelling water needs, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, expedite appraisal investigations and reports conducted under section 2404 of this title and feasibility studies and reports conducted under section 2405 of this title.

**(h) Effect on State water law**

**(1) In general**

Nothing in this subchapter preempts or affects State water law or an interstate compact governing water.

**(2) Compliance required**

The Secretary shall comply with State water laws in carrying out this subchapter.

**(i) No additional requirements**

Nothing in this subchapter requires a feasibility study for, or imposes any other additional requirements with respect to, rural water supply projects or programs that are authorized before December 22, 2006.

(Pub. L. 109-451, title I, § 107, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3355.)

**§ 2407. Reports**

Beginning in fiscal year 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2012, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives an annual report that describes the number and type of full-time equivalent positions in the Department of the Interior and the amount of overhead costs of the Department of the Interior that are allocated to carrying out this subchapter for the applicable fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 109-451, title I, § 108, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3356.)

**§ 2408. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) In general**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2016, to remain available until expended.

**(b) Rural water programs assessment**

Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), not more than \$1,000,000 may be made available to carry out section 2403 of this title for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

**(c) Construction costs**

No amounts made available under this section shall be used to pay construction costs associated with any rural water supply project.

(Pub. L. 109-451, title I, § 109, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3356.)

**§ 2409. Termination of authority**

The authority of the Secretary to carry out this subchapter terminates on September 30, 2016.

(Pub. L. 109-451, title I, § 110, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3356.)

SUBCHAPTER II—TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WATER WORKS

**§ 2421. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 450b of title 25.

**(2) Lender**

The term “lender” means—

(A) a non-Federal qualified institutional buyer (as defined in section 230.144A(a) of title 17, Code of Federal Regulation<sup>1</sup> (or any successor regulation), known as Rule 144A(a) of the Securities and Exchange Commission and issued under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.)); or

(B) a clean renewable energy bond lender (as defined in section 54(j)(2) of title 26 (as in effect on December 22, 2006)).

**(3) Loan guarantee**

The term “loan guarantee” has the meaning given the term “loan guarantee” in section 661a of title 2.

**(4) Non-Federal borrower**

The term “non-Federal borrower” means—

(A) a State (including a department, agency, or political subdivision of a State); or

(B) a conservancy district, irrigation district, canal company, water users’ association, Indian tribe, an agency created by interstate compact, or any other entity that has the capacity to contract with the United States under Federal reclamation law.

**(5) Obligation**

The term “obligation” means a loan or other debt obligation that is guaranteed under this section.

**(6) Project**

The term “project” means—

(A) a rural water supply project (as defined in section 2401(9) of this title);

(B) an extraordinary operation and maintenance activity for, or the rehabilitation or replacement of, a facility—

(i) that is authorized by Federal reclamation law and constructed by the United States under such law; or

(ii) in connection with which there is a repayment or water service contract executed by the United States under Federal reclamation law; or

(C) an improvement to water infrastructure directly associated with a reclamation

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “Regulations”.