

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, referred to in subsec. (e)(1)(A), (2)(A), is Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§ 4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

The date of enactment of this subsection, referred to in subsec. (e)(1)(B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 114-94, which was approved Dec. 4, 2015.

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-94, § 11502(b)(1), substituted “subsections (d) and (h)” for “subsection (d)”. Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-94, § 1301(b), added subsec. (e). Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 114-94, § 1302(b), added subsec. (f). Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 114-94, § 1303(b), added subsec. (g). Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 114-94, § 11502(b)(2), added subsec. (h).

2014—Subsec. (d)(2)(A). Pub. L. 113-287 substituted “section 306108 of title 54, United States Code” for “section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f)” in introductory provisions.

2005—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-59, § 6009(a)(2)(A), inserted heading and substituted “Subject to subsection (d), the Secretary” for “The Secretary” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-59, § 6009(a)(2)(B), added subsec. (d).

1987—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-17 inserted “(other than any project for a park road or parkway under section 204 of title 23)” after “program or project”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-94 effective Oct. 1, 2015, see section 1003 of Pub. L. 114-94, set out as a note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### TREATMENT OF MILITARY FLIGHT OPERATIONS

Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, § 1079, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1916, provided that: “No military flight operation (including a military training flight), or designation of airspace for such an operation, may be treated as a transportation program or project for purposes of section 303(c) of title 49, United States Code.”

### § 303a. Development of water transportation

(a) **POLICY.**—It is the policy of Congress—

(1) to promote, encourage, and develop water transportation, service, and facilities for the commerce of the United States; and

(2) to foster and preserve rail and water transportation.

(b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, “inland waterway” includes the Great Lakes.

(c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary of Transportation shall—

(1) investigate the types of vessels suitable for different classes of inland waterways to promote, encourage, and develop inland waterway transportation facilities for the commerce of the United States;

(2) investigate water terminals, both for inland waterway traffic and for through traffic by water and rail, including the necessary docks, warehouses, and equipment, and investigate railroad spurs and switches connecting with those water terminals, to develop the types most appropriate for different locations and for transferring passengers or property between water carriers and rail carriers more expeditiously and economically;

(3) consult with communities, cities, and towns about the location of water terminals,

and cooperate with them in preparing plans for terminal facilities;

(4) investigate the existing status of water transportation on the different inland waterways of the United States to learn the extent to which—

(A) the waterways are being used to their capacity and are meeting the demands of traffic; and

(B) water carriers using those waterways are interchanging traffic with rail carriers;

(5) investigate other matters that may promote and encourage inland water transportation; and

(6) compile, publish, and distribute information about transportation on inland waterways that the Secretary considers useful to the commercial interests of the United States.

(Pub. L. 103-272, § 4(j)(6)(A), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1366.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
303a .....	49 App.:142.	Feb. 28, 1920, ch. 91, § 500, 41 Stat. 499; Aug. 6, 1981, Pub. L. 97-31, § 12(9), 95 Stat. 154.

Section 4(j)(6)(A) amends 49:ch. 3 by restating 49 App.:142 as section 303a because the provision more appropriately belongs in chapter 3.

In subsection (a)(2), the words “in full vigor both” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (b), the words “be construed to” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c)(1), the word “appropriate” is omitted as surplus. The word “vessels” is substituted for “boats” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In subsection (c)(2), the words “the subject of”, “apparatus”, “appliances in connection therewith”, and “or interchange” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c)(3), the words “appropriate” and “suitable” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c)(6), the words “province and”, “from time to time”, and “useful statistics, data, and” are omitted as surplus.

### § 304. Application of categorical exclusions for multimodal projects

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) **COOPERATING AUTHORITY.**—The term “cooperating authority” means a Department of Transportation operating administration or secretarial office that has expertise but is not the lead authority with respect to a proposed multimodal project.

(2) **LEAD AUTHORITY.**—The term “lead authority” means a Department of Transportation operating administration or secretarial office that has the lead responsibility for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to a proposed multimodal project.

(3) **MULTIMODAL PROJECT.**—The term “multimodal project” has the meaning given the term in section 139(a) of title 23.

(b) **EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.**—The authorities granted in this section may be exercised for a multimodal project, class of projects, or pro-