

**(2) Required elements**

The guidelines developed under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) address potential measures, practices, and policies to be undertaken by non-Federal interests to to<sup>1</sup> reduce loss of life, injuries, damages to property and facilities, public expenditures, and other adverse impacts associated with flooding and to preserve and enhance natural floodplain values; and

(B) address those measures to be undertaken by non-Federal interests to preserve the level of flood protection provided by a project to which subsection (a) applies.

**(3) Limitation on statutory construction**

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to confer any regulatory authority upon the Secretary or the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**(d) Technical support**

The Secretary may provide technical support to a non-Federal interest for a project to which subsection (a) applies for the development and implementation of plans prepared under subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 99-662, title IV, § 402, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4133; Pub. L. 100-676, § 14, Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4026; Pub. L. 104-303, title II, § 202(c)(1), Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3674; Pub. L. 106-541, title II, § 209(a), (c), Dec. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 2591; Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, § 612(c), Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1410.)

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-541, § 209(c), substituted “Floodplain” for “Flood plain” in heading and “floodplain” for “flood plain” in first sentence.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-541, § 209(a), in first sentence substituted “The” for “Within 6 months after October 12, 1996, the”, designated second sentence as par. (2), inserted heading, substituted “The guidelines developed under paragraph (1) shall—” for “Such guidelines shall”, designated remainder of sentence as subpar. (A), inserted “to be undertaken by non-Federal interests to” after “policies”, added subpar. (B), and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

1996—Pub. L. 104-303 substituted “Floodplain management requirements” for “Compliance with flood plain management and insurance programs” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Before construction of any project for local flood protection or any project for hurricane or storm damage reduction, the non-Federal interests shall agree to participate in and comply with applicable Federal flood plain management and flood insurance programs.”

1988—Pub. L. 100-676 inserted “or any project for hurricane or storm damage reduction” after “local flood protection”.

## CHANGE OF NAME

“Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” substituted for “Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” in subsec. (c)(3) on authority of section 612(c) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6, Domestic Security. Any reference to the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in title VI of Pub. L. 109-295 or an amendment by title VI to be considered to refer and apply to the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency until Mar. 31, 2007, see sec-

tion 612(f)(2) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-541, title II, § 209(b), Dec. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 2591, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to any project or separable element of a project with respect to which the Secretary [of the Army] and the non-Federal interest have not entered a project cooperation agreement on or before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 11, 2000].”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-303, title II, § 202(c)(2), Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3675, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply to any project or separable element thereof with respect to which the Secretary and the non-Federal interest have not entered into a project cooperation agreement on or before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 12, 1996].”

REFERENCE TO PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
DEEMED REFERENCE TO PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Reference to “project cooperation agreement” deemed to be reference to “project partnership agreement”, see section 2003(f)(2) of Pub. L. 110-114, set out as a note under section 1962d-5b of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

**§ 701b-13. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-121, title I, § 1014(c)(3), June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1222**

Section, Pub. L. 104-303, title II, § 211, Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3681; Pub. L. 106-53, title II, § 223, Aug. 17, 1999, 113 Stat. 296; Pub. L. 106-60, title VI, § 606, Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 501; Pub. L. 110-114, title V, § 5157, Nov. 8, 2007, 121 Stat. 1257, related to construction of flood control projects by non-Federal interests.

**§ 701b-14. Structural integrity evaluations****(a) In general**

Upon request of a non-Federal interest, the Secretary shall evaluate the structural integrity and effectiveness of a project for flood damage reduction and, if the Secretary determines that the project does not meet such minimum standards as the Secretary may establish and absent action by the Secretary the project will fail, the Secretary may take such action as may be necessary to restore the integrity and effectiveness of the project.

**(b) Priority**

The Secretary shall carry out an evaluation and take such actions as may be necessary under subsection (a) for the project for flood damage reduction, Arkansas River Levees, Arkansas.

(Pub. L. 110-114, title V, § 5004, Nov. 8, 2007, 121 Stat. 1191.)

## “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 110-114, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

**§ 701b-15. Non-Federal plans to provide additional flood risk reduction****(a) In general**

If requested by a non-Federal interest, the Secretary shall carry out a locally preferred

<sup>1</sup> So in original.

plan that provides a higher level of protection than a flood risk management project authorized under this Act if the Secretary determines that—

- (1) the plan is technically feasible and environmentally acceptable; and
- (2) the benefits of the plan exceed the costs of the plan.

**(b) Non-Federal cost share**

If the Secretary carries out a locally preferred plan under subsection (a), the Federal share of the cost of the project shall be not greater than the share as provided by law for elements of the national economic development plan.

(Pub. L. 113–121, title I, §1036, June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1234.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 113–121, June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1193, known as the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 113–121, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

**§ 701b–16. Management of flood risk reduction projects**

**(a) In general**

If 2 or more flood control projects are located within the same geographic area, the Secretary shall, at the request of the non-Federal interests for the affected projects, consider those projects as a single program for budgetary or project management purposes, if the Secretary determines that doing so would not be incompatible with the authorized project purposes.

**(b) Cost share**

**(1) In general**

If any work on a project to which subsection (a) applies is required solely because of impacts to that project from a navigation project, the cost of carrying out that work shall be shared in accordance with the cost-sharing requirements for the navigation project.

**(2) Use of amounts**

Work described in paragraph (1) may be carried out using amounts made available under subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 113–121, title III, §3012, June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1284.)

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 113–121, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

**§ 701c. Rights-of-way, easements, etc.; acquisition by local authorities; maintenance and operation; protection of United States from liability for damages; requisites to run-off and water-flow retardation and soil erosion prevention assistance**

After June 22, 1936, no money appropriated under authority of section 701f of this title shall

be expended on the construction of any project until States, political subdivisions thereof, or other responsible local agencies have given assurances satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army that they will (a) provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-way necessary for the construction of the project, except as otherwise provided herein; (b) hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction works; (c) maintain and operate all the works after completion in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army: *Provided*, That the construction of any dam authorized herein, may be undertaken without delay when the dam site has been acquired and the assurances prescribed herein have been furnished, without awaiting the acquisition of the easements and rights-of-way required for the reservoir area: *And provided further*, That whenever expenditures for lands, easements, and rights-of-way by States, political subdivisions thereof, or responsible local agencies for any individual project or useful part thereof shall have exceeded the present estimated construction cost therefor, the local agency concerned may be reimbursed one-half of its excess expenditures over said estimated construction cost: *And provided further*, That when benefits of any project or useful part thereof accrue to lands and property outside of the State in which said project or part thereof is located, the Secretary of the Army with the consent of the State wherein the same are located may acquire the necessary lands, easements, and rights-of-way for said project or part thereof after he has received from the States, political subdivisions thereof, or responsible local agencies benefited the present estimated cost of said lands, easements, and rights-of-way, less one-half the amount by which the estimated cost of these lands, easements, and rights-of-way exceeds the estimated construction cost corresponding thereto: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of the Army shall determine the proportion of the present estimated cost of said lands, easements, and rights-of-way that each State, political subdivision thereof, or responsible local agency should contribute in consideration for the benefits to be received by such agencies: *And provided further*, That whenever not less than 75 per centum of the benefits as estimated by the Secretary of the Army of any project or useful part thereof accrue to lands and property outside of the State in which said project or part thereof is located, provision (c) of this section shall not apply thereto; nothing herein shall impair or abridge the powers now existing in the Department of the Army with respect to navigable streams: *And provided further*, That nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the completion of any reservoir or flood control work authorized by the Congress and now under way.

(d) As a condition to the extending of any benefits, in prosecuting measures for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil erosion prevention authorized by Act of Congress pursuant to the policy declared in section 701a of this title, to any lands not owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, the Sec-