

“(VIII) comply with section 301 of the Water Supply Act of 1958 (43 U.S.C. 390b).

“(3) GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Comptroller General shall—

“(A) conduct an audit to determine—

“(i) whether reviews of project operations carried out by the Secretary prior to the date of enactment of this Act complied with the policies and requirements of applicable law and regulations; and

“(ii) whether the plan developed by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (2)(B)(ii)(I)(dd) complies with this subsection and with the policies and requirements of applicable law and regulation; and

“(B) not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to Congress a report that—

“(i) summarizes the results of the audit required by subparagraph (A);

“(ii) includes an assessment of whether existing practices for managing and reviewing project operations could result in greater efficiencies that would enable the Corps of Engineers to better prepare for, contain, and respond to flood, storm, and drought conditions; and

“(iii) includes recommendations for improving the review of project operations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of such operations and to better achieve authorized purposes while enhancing overall project benefits.

“(4) INTERAGENCY AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into interagency agreements with other Federal agencies and cooperative agreements with non-Federal entities to carry out this subsection and reviews of project operations or activities resulting from those reviews.

“(5) FUNDING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use to carry out this subsection, including any reviews of project operations identified in the plan developed under paragraph (2)(B)(ii)(I)(dd), amounts made available to the Secretary.

“(B) FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES.—The Secretary may accept and expend amounts from non-Federal entities and other Federal agencies to carry out this subsection and reviews of project operations or activities resulting from those reviews.

“(6) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this subsection changes the authorized purpose of any Corps of Engineers dam or reservoir.

“(B) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may carry out any recommendations and activities under this subsection pursuant to existing law.”

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 101-640, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2320. Protection of recreational and commercial uses

#### (a) General rule

In planning any water resources project, the Secretary shall consider the impact of the project on existing and future recreational and commercial uses in the area surrounding the project.

#### (b) Maintenance

Whenever the Secretary maintains, repairs, rehabilitates, or reconstructs a water resources project which will result in a change in the configuration of a structure which is a part of such project, the Secretary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall carry out such maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction in a manner which will not adversely affect any recreational use established with respect to such

project before the date of such maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction.

#### (c) Mitigation

##### (1) In general

If maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of a water resources project by the Secretary results in a change in the configuration of any structure which is a part of such project and has an adverse effect on a recreational use established with respect to such project before the date of such maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction, the Secretary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall take such actions as may be necessary to restore such recreational use or provide alternative opportunities for comparable recreational use.

##### (2) Maximum amount

The Secretary may not expend more than \$2,000,000 in a fiscal year to carry out this subsection.

##### (3) Termination date

This subsection shall not be effective after the last day of the 5-year period beginning on November 28, 1990; except that the Secretary may complete any restoration commenced under this subsection on or before such last day.

#### (d) Applicability

##### (1) General rule

Subsections (b) and (c) shall apply to maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction for which physical construction is initiated after May 1, 1988.

##### (2) Limitation

Subsections (b) and (c) shall not apply to any action of the Secretary which is necessary to discontinue the operation of a water resources project.

#### (e) Cost sharing

Costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out the objectives of this section shall be allocated to recreation and shall be payable by the beneficiaries of the recreation.

(Pub. L. 101-640, title III, §313, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4640.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

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Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 101-640, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2321. Operation and maintenance of hydroelectric facilities

Activities currently performed by personnel under the direction of the Secretary in connection with the operation and maintenance of hydroelectric power generating facilities at Corps of Engineers water resources projects are to be considered as inherently governmental

functions and not commercial activities. This section does not prohibit contracting out major maintenance or other functions which are currently contracted out or studying services not directly connected with project maintenance and operations.

(Pub. L. 101-640, title III, §314, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4641.)

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### § 2321a. Hydroelectric power project uprating

#### (a) In general

In carrying out the operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of a hydroelectric power generating facility at a water resources project under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, the Secretary may, to the extent funds are made available in appropriations Acts or in accordance with subsection (c), take such actions as are necessary to optimize the efficiency of energy production or increase the capacity of the facility, or both, if, after consulting with the heads of other appropriate Federal and State agencies, the Secretary determines that such actions—

- (1) are economically justified and financially feasible;
- (2) will not result in any significant adverse effect on the other purposes for which the project is authorized;
- (3) will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts;
- (4) will not involve major structural or operational changes in the project; and
- (5) will not adversely affect the use, management, or protection of existing Federal, State, or tribal water rights.

#### (b) Consultation

Before proceeding with any proposed uprating under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide affected State, tribal, and Federal agencies with a copy of the proposed determinations under subsection (a). If the agencies submit comments, the Secretary shall accept those comments or respond in writing to any objections those agencies raise to the proposed determinations.

#### (c) Use of funds provided by preference customers

In carrying out this section, the Secretary may accept and expend funds provided by preference customers under Federal law relating to the marketing of power.

#### (d) Application

This section does not apply to any facility of the Department of the Army that is authorized to be funded under section 839d-1 of title 16.

#### (e) Effect on other authority

This section shall not affect the authority of the Secretary and the Administrator of the Bon-

neville Power Administration under section 839d-1 of title 16.

(Pub. L. 104-303, title II, §216, Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3694; Pub. L. 106-541, title II, §212, Dec. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 2593.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(1), inserted introductory provisions and struck out former introductory provisions which read as follows: “In carrying out the maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of a hydroelectric power generating facility at a water resources project under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, the Secretary may take, to the extent funds are made available in appropriations Acts, such actions as are necessary to increase the efficiency of energy production or the capacity of the facility, or both, if, after consulting with the heads of other appropriate Federal and State agencies, the Secretary determines that the increase—”.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(1), substituted “are” for “is” before “economically justified”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(2), substituted “any proposed uprating” for “the proposed uprating” in first sentence.

Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(3), (4), added subsecs. (c) and (d) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (e).

#### “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-303, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2321b. Expediting hydropower at Corps of Engineers facilities

#### (a) Policy

Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States that—

- (1) the development of non-Federal hydroelectric power at Corps of Engineers civil works projects, including locks and dams, shall be given priority;
- (2) Corps of Engineers approval of non-Federal hydroelectric power at Corps of Engineers civil works projects, including permitting required under section 408 of this title, shall be completed by the Corps of Engineers in a timely and consistent manner; and
- (3) approval of hydropower at Corps of Engineers civil works projects shall in no way diminish the other priorities and missions of the Corps of Engineers, including authorized project purposes and habitat and environmental protection.

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#### (b) Report

Not later than 2 years after June 10, 2014, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and make publicly available a report that, at a minimum, shall include—

- (1) a description of initiatives carried out by the Secretary to encourage the development of hydroelectric power by non-Federal entities at Corps of Engineers civil works projects;