

and functions of International Water Commission, United States and Mexico, American section, were transferred by act June 30, 1932, ch. 314, pt. II, title V, §510, 47 Stat. 417, reconstituted as International Boundary and Water Commission by Water Treaty of 1944.

§ 277g. Agreements to correct pollution of Rio Grande

(a) In general

The Secretary of State, acting through the United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (hereafter in sections 277g to 277g-3 of this title referred to as the “Commissioner”), is authorized to conclude agreements with the appropriate representative of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Mexico for the purpose of correcting the international problem of pollution of the Rio Grande caused by discharge of raw and inadequately treated sewage and other wastes into such river from the border cities including but not limited to Ciudad Acuna, Nuevo Laredo, and Reynosa, Mexico, and Del Rio, Laredo, and Hidalgo, Texas.

(b) Content of agreements

Agreements concluded under subsection (a) should consist of recommendations to the Governments of the United States and Mexico of measures to protect the health and welfare of persons along the Rio Grande from the effects of pollution, including—

- (1) facilities that should be constructed, operated, and maintained in each country;
- (2) estimates of the cost of plans, construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities referred to in paragraph (1);
- (3) formulas for the initial division between the United States and Mexico of the cost of plans, constructions, operation, and maintenance of the facilities referred to in paragraph (1);
- (4) a method for review and adjustment of the formulas referred to in paragraph (3) at intervals of five years which recognizes that such initial formulas should not be used as a precedent in their subsequent review and adjustment; and
- (5) dates for the beginning and completion of construction of the facilities referred to in paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 100-465, §2, Oct. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 2272.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 100-465, §1, Oct. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 2272, provided that: “This Act [enacting this section and sections 277g-1 to 277g-3 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Rio Grande Pollution Correction Act of 1987.’”

§ 277g-1. Authority of Secretary of State to plan, construct, operate, and maintain facilities

The Secretary of State, acting through the Commissioner, is authorized to act jointly with the appropriate representative of the Government of Mexico and to—

- (1) supervise the planning of, and
- (2) supervise construction, operation, and maintenance of,

the facilities recommended in agreements concluded pursuant to section 277g of this title and

approved by the Governments of the United States and Mexico.

(Pub. L. 100-465, §3, Oct. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 2272.)

§ 277g-2. Consultation with Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency and other authorities

The Secretary of State shall consult with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and other concerned Federal, State, and local government officials in implementing sections 277g to 277g-3 of this title.

(Pub. L. 100-465, §4, Oct. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 2273.)

§ 277g-3. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the United States to fund its share of the cost of the plans, construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities recommended in agreements concluded pursuant to section 277g of this title and approved by the Governments of the United States and Mexico.

(Pub. L. 100-465, §5, Oct. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 2273.)

§ 277h. Authority of the International Boundary and Water Commission to assist State and local governments

(a) Authority

The Commissioner of the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission may provide technical tests, evaluations, information, surveys, or others¹ similar services to State or local governments upon the request of such State or local government on a reimbursable basis.

(b) Reimbursements

Reimbursements shall be paid in advance of the goods or services ordered and shall be for the estimated or actual cost as determined by the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission. Proper adjustment of amounts paid in advance shall be made as determined by the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission on the basis of the actual cost of goods or services provided. Reimbursements received by the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission for providing services under this section shall be credited to the appropriation from which the cost of providing the services is charged.

(Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(7) [div. A, title VII, §702], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-459.)

§ 277i. Report on water sharing

Not later than 120 days after February 7, 2014, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to Congress a report on efforts by Mexico to meet its treaty deliveries of water to the Rio Grande in accordance with the Treaty between the United States and Mexico Respecting Utilization of waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande (done at Washington, February 3, 1944).

¹ So in original. Probably should be “other”.