

decide any such action. In such action, the validity and amount of such penalty shall not be subject to review.

**(c) Hearings**

Hearings held during proceedings for the assessment of civil penalties authorized by subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 554 of title 5. The Federal land manager may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, and documents, and administer oaths. Witnesses summoned shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States. In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena served upon any person pursuant to this paragraph, the district court of the United States for any district in which such person is found or resides or transacts business, upon application by the United States and after notice to such person, shall have jurisdiction to issue an order requiring such person to appear and give testimony before the Federal land manager or to appear and produce documents before the Federal land manager, or both, and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by such court as a contempt thereof.

(Pub. L. 96-95, § 7, Oct. 31, 1979, 93 Stat. 725.)

**§ 470gg. Enforcement**

**(a) Rewards**

Upon the certification of the Federal land manager concerned, the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to pay from penalties and fines collected under sections 470ee and 470ff of this title an amount equal to one-half of such penalty or fine, but not to exceed \$500, to any person who furnishes information which leads to the finding of a civil violation, or the conviction of criminal violation, with respect to which such penalty or fine was paid. If several persons provided such information, such amount shall be divided among such persons. No officer or employee of the United States or of any State or local government who furnishes information or renders service in the performance of his official duties shall be eligible for payment under this subsection.

**(b) Forfeitures**

All archaeological resources with respect to which a violation of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 470ee of this title occurred and which are in the possession of any person, and all vehicles and equipment of any person which were used in connection with such violation, may be (in the discretion of the court or administrative law judge, as the case may be) subject to forfeiture to the United States upon—

- (1) such person's conviction of such violation under section 470ee of this title,
- (2) assessment of a civil penalty against such person under section 470ff of this title with respect to such violation, or
- (3) a determination by any court that such archaeological resources, vehicles, or equipment were involved in such violation.

**(c) Disposition of penalties collected and items forfeited in cases involving archaeological resources excavated or removed from Indian lands**

In cases in which a violation of the prohibition contained in subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 470ee of this title involve archaeological resources excavated or removed from Indian lands, the Federal land manager or the court, as the case may be, shall provide for the payment to the Indian or Indian tribe involved of all penalties collected pursuant to section 470ff of this title and for the transfer to such Indian or Indian tribe of all items forfeited under this section.

(Pub. L. 96-95, § 8, Oct. 31, 1979, 93 Stat. 726.)

**§ 470hh. Confidentiality of information concerning nature and location of archaeological resources**

**(a) Disclosure of information**

Information concerning the nature and location of any archaeological resource for which the excavation or removal requires a permit or other permission under this chapter or under any other provision of Federal law may not be made available to the public under subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5 or under any other provision of law unless the Federal land manager concerned determines that such disclosure would—

- (1) further the purposes of this chapter or chapter 3125 of title 54, and
- (2) not create a risk of harm to such resources or to the site at which such resources are located.

**(b) Request for disclosure by Governors**

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), upon the written request of the Governor of any State, which request shall state—

- (1) the specific site or area for which information is sought,
- (2) the purpose for which such information is sought,
- (3) a commitment by the Governor to adequately protect the confidentiality of such information to protect the resource from commercial exploitation,

the Federal land manager concerned shall provide to the Governor information concerning the nature and location of archaeological resources within the State of the requesting Governor.

(Pub. L. 96-95, § 9, Oct. 31, 1979, 93 Stat. 727; Pub. L. 113-287, § 5(d)(8), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3265.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113-287, which directed substitution of “chapter 3125 of title 54” for “the Act of June 27, 1960 (16 U.S.C. 469-469c)” in subsec. (a)(2), was executed by making the substitution in subsec. (a)(1), to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**§ 470ii. Rules and regulations; intergovernmental coordination**

**(a) Promulgation; effective date**

The Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture and Defense and the Chairman of the Board of