

**§ 277d-15. Integration of operation of dam with other United States water conservation activities**

If a dam is constructed pursuant to an agreement concluded under the authorization granted by section 277d-13 of this title, its operation for conservation and release of United States share of waters shall be integrated with other United States water conservation activities on the Rio Grande below Fort Quitman, Texas, in such manner as to provide the maximum feasible amount of water for beneficial use in the United States with the understandings that (a) releases of United States share of waters from said dam for domestic, municipal, industrial, and irrigation uses in the United States shall be made pursuant to order by the appropriate authority or authorities of the State of Texas, and (b) the State of Texas having stipulated that the amount of water that will be available for use in the United States below Falcon Dam after the proposed dam is placed in operation will be not less than the amount available under existing conditions of river development, and to carry out such understandings and said stipulation the conservation storage of said dam shall be used, and it shall be the exclusive responsibility of the appropriate authority or authorities of said State to distribute available United States share of waters of the Rio Grande in such manner as will comply with said stipulation.

(Pub. L. 86-605, § 3, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 360.)

**§ 277d-16. Authorization of appropriations**

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State for the use of the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 277d-13 to 277d-16 of this title.

(Pub. L. 86-605, § 4, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 361.)

**§ 277d-17. Chamizal boundary settlement; investigations relating to river channel; acquisition of lands; relocation of facilities**

In connection with the convention between the United States of America and the United Mexican States for the solution of the problem of the Chamizal, signed August 29, 1963, the Secretary of State, acting through the United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is authorized—

a. to conduct technical and other investigations relating to: the demarcation or monumentation of the boundary between the United States and Mexico; flood control; water resources; sanitation and prevention of pollution; channel relocation, improvement, and stabilization; and other matters related to the new river channel.

b. to acquire by donation, purchase, or condemnation, all lands required—

(1) for transfer to Mexico as provided in said convention;

(2) for construction of that portion of the new river channel and the adjoining levee in the territory of the United States;

(3) for relocation of highways, roadways, railroads, telegraph, telephone, electric transmission lines, bridges, related facilities, and any publicly owned structure or facility, the relocation of which, in the judgment of the said Commissioner, is necessitated by the project.

c. For the purpose of effecting said relocations—

(1) to perform any or all work involved in said relocations;

(2) to enter into contracts with the owners of properties to be relocated whereby they undertake to acquire any or all properties needed for said relocations, or undertake to perform any or all work involved in said relocations;

(3) to convey or exchange properties acquired or improved by the United States under sections 277d-17 to 277d-25 of this title or under said convention, with or without improvements, or to grant term or perpetual easements therein or thereover.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 1, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 184.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section is comprised of part of section 1 of Pub. L. 88-300. Remainder of section 1 is set out as a Short Title note below.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 88-300, § 1, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 184, provided in part: "That this Act [enacting this section and sections 277d-18 to 277d-25 of this title] may be cited as the 'American-Mexican Chamizal Convention Act of 1964'."

**§ 277d-18. Construction, operation, and maintenance of works; Bridge of the Americas**

**(a) In general**

The United States Commissioner is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain all works provided for in said convention and sections 277d-17 to 277d-25 of this title, and to turn over the operation and maintenance of any such works to any Federal agency, or any State, county, municipality, district, or other political subdivision within which such project or works may be in whole or in part situated, upon such terms, conditions, and requirements as the Commissioner may deem appropriate.

**(b) Bridge of the Americas**

The United States Commissioner is authorized to receive payments of money from public or private sources in the United States or Mexico made for the purpose of sharing in the cost of operations, maintenance, and replacement of the Bridge of the Americas which crosses the Rio Grande between El Paso, Texas, and Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such payments of money shall be credited to any appropriation to the Commission which is currently available. Funds received under this subsection shall be available only for the replacement of such bridge.