Major Rehabilitation and Replacement Reporting

Managing Partners and the Reclamation Transparency Act

What is the Act?

Why is it important?
Comprehensive reporting is essential to better understand major operation, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) needs and leverage funding across all of Reclamation.

How can we accomplish this?
Reclamation and its operating partners must cooperate to identify, categorize, and record the OM&R needs at our facilities. It is critical to share information to properly characterize major rehabilitation and replacement (MR&R) needs on our infrastructure.

Requirements for Congress
Reclamation must develop a Report to Congress that includes the following MR&R information for all its facilities:

- assessment of major repair needs
- itemized list of repair needs by facility
- level of cost estimate
- categorical rating for each repair item
- funding needed to complete each item

Reclamation will report MR&R needs every two years, starting with a focus on reserved (Reclamation-operated and maintained) works by March 2021 and then both reserved and transferred (partner-operated and maintained) works by March 2023.

What is MR&R?
Extraordinary maintenance (XM), safety of dams modifications, and deferred maintenance that contribute to the continued, safe, and reliable delivery of authorized project benefits.

MR&R reporting captures needs spanning 30 years to accurately reflect facilities’ long-term major repair needs.

What Projects Qualify?
XM projects with total cost:

- ≥ 10% of 5-year average annual O&M budget for the facility, or
- ≥ $100,000 (major structures), or
- ≥ $20,000 (buildings)

Partnerships
Highlighting the important work managing partners are doing now, and in the future, to maintain Federal facilities supports Reclamation’s business case for investments in our infrastructure.

Exploring additional funding opportunities can help you meet new and competing demands on aging infrastructure.

Visit https://www.usbr.gov to learn about these Reclamation-managed opportunities:

- WaterSMART Grants
- Drought Response Program
- Cooperative Watershed Management Program
- Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program
- Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program

Along with Reclamation, the departments of Agriculture, Transportation, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development offer grant programs to suit your infrastructure needs.

Map showing number of currently reported MR&R activities in FY 2021-2025 on Reclamation assets.