

## Summary

Upper Basin Delivery. The minimum objective release criterion will control the annual release from Glen Canyon Dam during water year 2005 in accordance with Article 11(2) of the Operating Criteria, unless spill avoidance and/or the storage equalization criteria in Article 11(3) is controlling. To maintain, as nearly as practicable, active storage in Lake Mead equal to the active storage in Lake Powell, releases from Lake Powell greater than the minimum objective of 8.23 maf (10,150 mcm) will be made if (1) storage in Lake Powell on September 30, 2005, is projected to be greater than 14.85 maf (water surface elevation 3,630 feet); and (2) active storage in Lake Powell is greater than active storage in Lake Mead, consistent with Section V of the Interim 602(a) Storage Guideline

Lower Basin Delivery. Under the most probable inflow scenario, downstream deliveries are expected to control the releases from Hoover Dam. Taking into account (1) the existing water storage conditions in the basin, (2) the most probable near-term water supply conditions in the basin, and (3) Sections 2(A)(1) and 7 of the Interim Surplus Guidelines, the normal condition is the criterion governing the operation of Lake Mead for calendar year 2005 in accordance with Article III(3)(a) of the Operating Criteria and Article II(B)(1) of the Decree.

Reclamation does not anticipate any available unused state apportionment for calendar year 2005 at this time. However, if any unused apportionment is available, the Secretary shall allocate any available unused apportionments for calendar year 2005 in accordance with Article II(B)(6) of the Decree and Section 1(B) of the Interim Surplus Guidelines.

Water may be made available for diversion pursuant to 43 CFR Part 414<sup>(1)</sup> to entities within the Lower Division States. The Secretary shall make Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment available to districts in Arizona, California or Nevada for the off- stream storage or consumptive use of water pursuant to individual Storage and Interstate Release Agreements (SIRA) and 43 CFR Part 414.

On October 10, 2003, the Secretary approved the Record of Decision for the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) which became effective January 1, 2004. The IOPP remains in effect during calendar year 2005.

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement requires payback of overruns as noted in Exhibit C of that document. Each district with a payback obligation under Exhibit C may at its own discretion elect to accelerate paybacks in calendar year 2005.

1944 United States-Mexico Water Treaty Delivery. A volume of 1.5 million acre-feet (maf), 1,850 million cubic meters (mcm) of water will be available to be scheduled for delivery to Mexico during calendar year 2005 in accordance with Article 15 of the 1944 United States-Mexico Water Treaty and Minutes No. 242 and 310 of the IBWC.

<sup>1</sup>Off-stream Storage of Colorado River Water; Development and Release of Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment in the Lower Division States: Final Rule (43 CFR Part 414).