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Subject:	Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles, Standard Article 21: Clean Air and Water
Purpose:	To provide the text of and requirements for the application of Standard Article 21: Clean Air and Water (Standard Article 21), for the benefit of supporting general policy and specific requirements set forth in Reclamation Manual Policy, <i>Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles</i> (PEC P10).
Authority:	The Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory and supplementary thereto; the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401, et seq.); and the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251, et seq.).
Approving Official:	Director, Policy and Administration
Contact:	Reclamation Law Administration Division (84-55000)

1. **Introduction.** In general, Standard Article 21 is required in contracts under which the contractor constructs facilities with Federal funds or is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Federal facilities (see Paragraph 4.B. of PEC P10). It is not normally required in contracts for purchases or involving bid offers of less than \$100,000. However, contracts associated with facilities that have been the subject of convictions under the Clean Air Act or the Clean Water Act require Standard Article 21 regardless of bid amount. Standard Article 21 addresses the contractor's responsibilities for compliance with identified sections of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act and other related authorities, defines key terms, and requires the contractor to include the same article in subcontracts.
2. **Applicability.** This Directive and Standard applies to Bureau of Reclamation staff and officials involved in the contracting process, as defined at Paragraph 5.A. of PEC P10.
3. **Requirements and Responsibilities.** Reclamation staff and officials involved in the contracting process will include the text below in all contracts requiring Standard Article 21 under Paragraph 4.B. of PEC P10.

CLEAN AIR AND WATER¹

(a) The Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) To comply with all the requirements of section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7414), and section 308 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1318),

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relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified in those sections, and all applicable regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.

(2) That no portion of the work required by this contract will be performed in a facility listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities on the date when this contract was executed unless and until the Environmental Protection Agency eliminates the name of such facility or facilities from such listing.

(3) To use its best efforts to comply with clean air standards and clean water standards at the facility where the contract work is being performed.

(4) To insert the substance of the provisions of this article into any nonexempt subcontract, including this subparagraph (a)(4).

(b) The following definitions apply for purposes of this article:

(1) The term "Clean Air Act" means the Act enacted by Pub. L. 88-206 of Dec. 17, 1963, and amendments thereto, as codified at 42 U.S.C. § 7401, et seq.

(2) The term "Clean Water Act" means the Act enacted by Pub. L. 92- 500 of Oct. 18, 1972, and amendments thereto, as codified at 33 U.S.C. § 1251, et seq.

(3) The term "clean air standards" refers to all enforceable rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, limitations, orders, controls, prohibitions, and other requirements which are contained in, issued under, or otherwise adopted pursuant to the Clean Air Act

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or Executive Order 11738, an applicable implementation plan as described in section 110 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7410), an approved implementation procedure or plan under subsection 111(c) or subsection 111(d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7411(c) or (d)), or an approved implementation procedure under subsection 112(d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7412(d)).

(4) The term “clean water standards” refers to all enforceable limitations, controls, conditions, prohibitions, standards, and other requirements which are promulgated pursuant to the Clean Water Act or contained in a permit issued to a discharger by the Environmental Protection Agency or by a state under an approved program, as authorized by section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342), or by local government to ensure compliance with pretreatment regulations as required by section 307 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1317).

(5) The term “comply” refers to compliance with clean air or water standards. It also refers to compliance with a schedule or plan ordered or approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Environmental Protection Agency, or an air or water pollution control agency in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act or Clean Water Act and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

(6) The term “facility” means any building, plant, installation, structure, mine, vessel or other floating craft, location, or site of operations owned, leased, or supervised by a contractor or subcontractor to be utilized in the performance of a contract or subcontract. Where a location or site of operations contains or includes more than one

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building, plant, installation, or structure, the entire location or site shall be deemed to be a facility except where the Director, Office of Federal Activities, Environmental Protection Agency, determines that independent facilities are collocated in one geographical area.

4. **Definitions.** See Paragraph 5 of PEC P10.
5. **Review Period.** The originating office will review this release every 4 years.

RECLAMATION MANUAL TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Effective Date: _____

Release No. _____

Ensure all employees needing this information are provided a copy of this release.

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Summary of Changes

NOTE: This Reclamation Manual release applies to all Reclamation employees. When an exclusive bargaining unit exists, changes to this release may be subject to the provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

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