

# Reclamation Manual

## Directives and Standards

<b>Subject:</b>	Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles, Standard Article 28: Privacy Act Compliance
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide the text of and requirements for the application of Standard Article 28: Privacy Act Compliance (Standard Article 28), 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).
<b>Authority:</b>	The Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory and supplementary thereto; Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579; 88 Stat. 1896; 5 U.S.C. § 552a) (Privacy Act); and 43 C.F.R. § 2.45, et seq.
<b>Approving Official:</b>	Director, Mission Assurance and Protection Organization
<b>Contact:</b>	Reclamation Law Administration (84-55000)

1. **Introduction.** In general, Standard Article 28 is required in contracts for irrigation water under which the contractor is responsible for complying with the Reclamation Reform Act certification and reporting requirements identified within the Article (see Paragraph 4.B. of PEC P10). It states the contractor's responsibilities under the Privacy Act for maintaining, safeguarding, and disclosing landholder certification reporting records.
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 28 under Paragraph 4.B. of PEC P10.

### PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE<sup>1</sup>

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Privacy Act)

(5 U.S.C. § 552a) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Privacy Act (43 C.F.R. § 2.45, et seq.) in maintaining landholder certification and reporting records required to be submitted to the Contractor for compliance with sections 206, 224(c), and 228 of the

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Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. §§ 390ff, 390ww, and 390zz), and pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 426.18.

(b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty provisions of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)), the Contractor and the Contractor's employees who are responsible for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in paragraph (a) above are considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(m).

(c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the Contractor with current copies of the Department of the Interior Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau of Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Interior/WBR-31, Acreage Limitation) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of information contained in the landholders' certification and reporting records.

(d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager responsible for making decisions on denials pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.61 and 2.64 and amendment requests pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 2.72. The Contractor is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.

(e) The Contractor shall forward promptly to the System Manager each proposed denial of access under 43 C.F.R. § 2.64 and each request for amendment of records filed under 43 C.F.R. § 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own certification and reporting

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forms filed with the Contractor pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 426.18 unless the requester elects to cite the Privacy Act as authority for the request.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Reclamation Manual Release Number and Subject

### Summary of Changes

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