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Directives and Standards

Subject:	Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles, Standard Article 29: Pest Management
Purpose:	To provide the text of and requirements for the application of Standard Article 29: Pest Management (Standard Article 29), 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 Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-629; 88 Stat. 2148; 7 U.S.C. § 2814), as amended by the Plant Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224, Title IV; 7 U.S.C. § 7701, et seq.); and Executive Order 13112. ¹
Approving Official:	Director, Policy and Administration
Contact:	Reclamation Law Administration Division (84-55000)

1. **Introduction.** In general, Standard Article 29 is required in contracts where the contractor has or is expected to have responsibility for the operation and maintenance (O&M) of federally owned or funded facilities (see Paragraph 4.B. of PEC P10). It affirms the contractor's responsibilities for controlling undesirable plants and animals in the performance of its O&M responsibilities.
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 29 under Paragraph 4.B. of PEC P10.

PEST MANAGEMENT²

- (a) The Contractor is responsible for complying with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations related to pest management in performing its responsibilities under this contract.

¹The Department of the Interior Manual, Part 609, Weed Control Program, requires the implementation of Integrated Pest Management for the control of pests on Reclamation lands. The authorities for this requirement are contained in numerous public laws, Executive Orders, and Federal regulations, the most significant of which are cited above.

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(b) The Contractor is responsible for effectively avoiding the introduction and spread of, and for otherwise controlling, undesirable plants and animals, as defined by the Contracting Officer, on or in Federal project lands, Federal project waters, and Federal project works for which and to the extent that the Contractor has operation and maintenance responsibility. The Contractor is responsible for exercising the level of precaution necessary in meeting this responsibility, including inspecting its vehicles, watercraft, and equipment for reproductive and vegetative parts, foreign soil, mud or other debris that may cause the spread of weeds, invasive species and other pests, and removing such materials before moving its vehicles, watercraft, and equipment onto any Federal land, into any Federal project facility waters, or out of any area on Federal project land where work is performed.

(c) Where decontamination of the Contractor's vehicles, watercraft, or equipment is required prior to entering Federal project land or waters, the decontamination shall be performed by the Contractor at the point of prior use, or at an approved offsite facility able to process generated cleaning wastes, pursuant to applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Upon the completion of work, the Contractor will perform any required decontamination within the work area before moving the vehicles, watercraft, and equipment from Federal project lands and waters.

(d) Programs for the control of undesirable plants and animals on Federal project lands, and in Federal project waters and Federal project works for which the Contractor has operation and maintenance responsibility will incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) concepts and practices. IPM refers to a systematic and environmentally compatible program to maintain pest populations within economically and environmentally tolerable levels. In implementing an IPM program, the Contractor will adhere to applicable Federal and State laws and regulations and

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Department of the Interior and Bureau of Reclamation policies, directives, guidelines, and manuals, including but not limited to, the Department of the Interior Manual, Part 517 *Integrated Pest Management Policy* and Part 609 *Weed Control Program*, the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224), and Executive Order 13112 of February 3, 1999.

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

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Summary of Changes

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