

# **Section 1**

## ***Scope, Authority, and Purpose***

### **1.1 Scope**

This section sets forth the scope, authority, and purpose of the Reclamation Safety and Health Standards. The standards prescribe the safety and health requirements for all Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) activities and operations. All contracts or agreements for performance of work on Reclamation facilities must incorporate provisions for compliance with these standards. These standards are consistent with the health and safety standards prevalent in industry, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596), and Department of the Interior regulations.

### **1.2 Authority**

Federal law and departmental regulations grant the authority to expend funds and labor to develop and implement programs that protect the safety and health of Federal and contractor employees and prevent accidental damage of Government property. See 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 7902; Sections 6 and 19 of Public Law 91-596, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; 29 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.; 43 U.S.C. § 1457; Executive Order 12196; 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1960; Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act; and the Department of the Interior Departmental Manual, Part 485 (485 DM).

### **1.3 Purpose**

The purpose of these standards is to help Reclamation personnel, contractors, and visitors to understand and comply with the safety and health safety requirements for operations performed or controlled by Reclamation.

### **1.4 General Requirements**

These standards are incorporated into the Reclamation Manual by reference through Reclamation Manual Directive and Standard, *Occupational Safety and Health – General* (SAF 01-01), paragraph 6.(D), under deviations authorized by the Commissioner and dated December 22, 2009, and June 28, 2019, respectively.

## 1.5 Definitions

<b>Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</b>	The codification of the general and permanent rules and regulations (sometimes called administrative law) published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government of the United States. The CFR is divided into 50 titles that represent broad areas subject to Federal regulation.
<b>Departmental Manual (DM)</b>	The record of department-wide policies and procedures for the Department of the Interior. It contains long-term policies, mandatory procedures, and descriptions of major organization components, as well as selected Secretary's Orders from 1992 to the present.
<b>Executive order (EO)</b>	A rule or order issued by the President to an executive branch of the Government and having the force of law.
<b>United States Code (U.S.C.)</b>	The official compilation and codification of the general and permanent Federal statutes of the United States. It contains 53 titles.

## 1.6 References

- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA), Public Law 107-217, 116 Stat. 1062, 1304 (2002).
- Department of the Interior. *Safety and Occupational Health Program*. Departmental Manual, Part 485.
- Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees. <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12196.html>.
- Occupational Safety and Health Act 1970, Public Law 91-596, 84 Stat. 1590 (1970).
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration. 29 CFR 1910, *Occupational Safety and Health Standards*. <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910>.
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration. 29 CFR 1926, *Safety and Health Regulations for Construction*. <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926>.
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration. 29 CFR 1960, *Basic Program Elements for Federal Employees*. <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1960>.

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