

Section 1

Authority, Purpose, and Scope

This section sets forth the authority, purpose, and scope of Reclamation Safety and Health Standards.

1.1 Authority for Reclamation Safety and Health Standards

Federal law and departmental regulations provide the authority to expend funds and manpower 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 Departmental Manual, 485 DM.)

These standards are incorporated into the Reclamation Manual by reference through SAF 01-01, Safety and Occupational Health - General, Para. 3.E, under a waiver authorized by the Commissioner dated December 22, 2009.

1.2 Purpose and Scope

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.

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