

§ 579f. Budgetary evaluation metrics and transparency; public participation

(a) Omitted

(b) Budgetary evaluation metrics and transparency

Beginning in fiscal year 2020, in the formulation of the annual budget request for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, the President shall ensure that such budget request—

(1) aligns the assessment of the potential benefit-cost ratio for budgeting water resources development projects with that used by the Corps of Engineers during project plan formulation and evaluation pursuant to section 1962d-17 of title 42; and

(2) demonstrates the transparent criteria and metrics utilized by the President in the evaluation and selection of water resources development projects included in such budget request.

(c) Public participation

In the development of, or any proposed major substantive modification to, a proposed budget for water resources development projects, the Secretary, through each District shall, not less frequently than annually—

(1) provide to non-Federal interests and other interested stakeholders information on the proposed budget for projects or substantive modifications to project budgets within each District's jurisdiction;

(2) hold multiple public meetings to discuss the budget for projects within each District's jurisdiction; and

(3) provide to non-Federal interests the opportunity to collaborate with District personnel for projects within each District's jurisdiction—

(A) to support information sharing; and

(B) to the maximum extent practicable, to share in concept development and decision-making to achieve complementary or integrated solutions to problems.

(Pub. L. 115-270, title I, §1154, Oct. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 3791.)

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CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 1154 of Pub. L. 115-270. Subsec. (a) of section 1154 of Pub. L. 115-270 amended section 579a of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 102 of Pub. L. 115-270, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

§ 579g. Annual reports

(1) In general

Not later than 10 days after the date on which the budget of the President for each fiscal year is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastruc-

ture and Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Appropriations of the Senate a report on the status of each covered report.

(2) Elements

The Secretary shall include in the report required under paragraph (1) the following information:

(A) A summary of the status of each covered report, including if each such report has been initiated.

(B) The amount of funds that—

(i) have been made available to carry out each such report; and

(ii) the Secretary requires to complete each such report.

(C) A detailed assessment of how the Secretary intends to complete each covered report, including an anticipated timeline for completion.

(3) Publicly available

The Secretary shall make each report required under paragraph (1) publicly available on the website of the Corps of Engineers.

(4) Notification of committees

The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Environment and Public Works of the Senate on an annual basis a draft of each covered report.

(5) Definition of covered report

In this subsection, the term “covered report”—

(A) means any report or study required to be submitted by the Secretary under this Act or any Act providing authorizations for water resources development projects enacted after January 4, 2025, to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate that has not been so submitted; and

(B) does not include a feasibility study (as such term is defined in section 2215(d) of this title).

(Pub. L. 118-272, div. A, title I, §1150(b), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3041.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in par. (5)(A), probably means div. A of Pub. L. 118-272, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2996, known as the Water Resources Development Act of 2024. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2025 Amendment note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 1002 of div. A of Pub. L. 118-272, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.