

(f) Program implementation report

Not later than 4 years after December 27, 2020, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, that includes—

- (1) a list of basins and sub-basins for which snowpack measurement technologies are being used under the program, including a description of each technology used; and
- (2) a list of Federal agencies and program partners participating in each basin or sub-basin listed in paragraph (1).

(g) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$15,000,000, in the aggregate, for fiscal years 2022 through 2026. (Pub. L. 116-260, div. FF, title XI, § 1111, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3249.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This section, referred to in subsecs. (b), (d)(3)(A), (e)(2)(B), (3), (5)(B), (6), and (g), was in the original “this Act”, which was translated as meaning section 1111 of Pub. L. 116-260, div. FF, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3249, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

DEFINITIONS

For definition of “Secretary” as used in this section, see section 1115 of div. FF of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 2330c of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters.

§ 1478. Appraisal and valuation services for real property**(a) License, certification requirement**

A covered appraiser needs to be licensed or certified in only 1 State to perform appraisal or valuation services for real property in any State for a transaction over which the Secretary has jurisdiction.

(b) Use of non-Federal covered appraisers

If the Secretary uses a non-Federal covered appraiser to perform appraisal or valuation services for real property for a transaction described in subsection (a), the Secretary—

- (1) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, use a non-Federal covered appraiser who is a certified general real property appraiser licensed in a State in which the real property that is the subject of the transaction is located; and
- (2) may only use a non-Federal covered appraiser who is a certified general real property appraiser licensed in a State other than one in which the real property that is the subject of the transaction is located if a non-Federal covered appraiser described in paragraph (1) is, as determined by the Secretary—
 - (A) unavailable to complete an assignment within a reasonable period of time;
 - (B) not assignment qualified; or
 - (C) not cost competitive.

(c) Report

Not later than 1 year after January 4, 2025, and annually thereafter for at least the following 4 years, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes the following:

(1) A comparison using quantitative data of—

- (A) the number of requests for appraisal and valuation services received by the Department during the reporting period and the number of requests for such services received by the Department in each of the 5 years before the reporting period; and
- (B) the amount of time required for the Department to complete a request for appraisal or valuation services before January 4, 2025, and after January 4, 2025.

(2) A qualitative assessment of the impact of subsection (a) in providing flexibility to the Secretary when contracting with non-Federal covered appraisers.

(3) Recommendations, if any, for congressional action that could help the Department operate more efficiently or overcome challenges with respect to timely completion of requests for appraisal or valuation services while ensuring the independence, impartiality, and objectivity of such services.

(4) An overview of the workforce of the Department with regard to appraisal and valuation services provided by the Department, including hiring and staffing during the reporting period with respect to employees and contractors of the Department.

(5) A complete list of cases in which the authority granted under this section was used during the reporting period, describing for each case the specific criteria used to satisfy the conditions of this section.

(d) Statutory clarifications**(1) Applicability of relevant laws and regulations**

Except as provided in paragraph (3), nothing in this section shall be interpreted to affect the application of any Federal or State law or regulation to a non-Federal covered appraiser with regard to the performance by such non-Federal covered appraiser of appraisal and valuation services for real property.

(2) Jurisdiction requirement

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to authorize a non-Federal covered appraiser to perform appraisal and valuation services for real property in a State in which such non-Federal covered appraiser is not licensed or certified to perform such services except to the extent that such services are performed for a transaction over which the Secretary has jurisdiction.

(3) Nonapplicability of certain relevant laws and regulations

Any provision of a Federal or State law or regulation enacted before January 4, 2025, that requires a covered appraiser to be licensed or certified in a specific State to perform appraisal or valuation services for real property in that State shall not apply to any transaction over which the Secretary has jurisdiction.

(e) Public availability

Not later than 90 days after January 4, 2025, the text of all policies (including any successor policies), including reference manuals, guidance

documents, handbooks, standard operating procedures, and statements of policy specific to the scoping, contracting, and review of appraisals performed for the Department by Federal or non-Federal covered appraisers, shall be made publicly available online and provided upon request.

(f) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Covered appraiser

The term “covered appraiser” means a State-licensed or -certified real property appraiser.

(2) Department

The term “Department” means the Department of the Interior.

(3) Reporting period

The term “reporting period” means the 1-year period before the date on which a report is submitted under subsection (c).

(4) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) State

The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and each territory and possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 118–230, §2, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2826.)

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SUBCHAPTER I—OBJECTIVES

§ 1501. Congressional declaration of purpose and policy

(a) It is the object of this chapter to provide a program for the further comprehensive development of the water resources of the Colorado River Basin and for the provision of additional and adequate water supplies for use in the upper as well as in the lower Colorado River Basin. This program is declared to be for the purposes, among others, of regulating the flow of the Colorado River; controlling floods; improving navigation; providing for the storage and delivery of the waters of the Colorado River for reclamation of lands, including supplemental water supplies, and for municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; improving water quality; providing for basic public outdoor recreation facilities; improving conditions for fish and wildlife, and the generation and sale of electrical power as an incident of the foregoing purposes.

(b) It is the policy of the Congress that the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to the “Secretary”) shall continue to develop, after consultation with affected States and appropriate Federal agencies, a regional water plan, consistent with the provisions of this chapter and with future authorizations, to serve as the framework under which projects in the Colorado River Basin may be coordinated and constructed with proper timing to the end that an adequate supply of water may be made available for such projects, whether heretofore, herein, or hereafter authorized.

(Pub. L. 90–537, title I, §102, Sept. 30, 1968, 82 Stat. 886.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 90–537, Sept. 30, 1968, 82 Stat. 885, known as the Colorado River Basin Project Act, which enacted this chapter and sections 616aa–1, 620a–1, 620a–2, 620c–1, and 620d–1 of this title, amended sections 616hh, 620, and 620a of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 620, 620k, and 1501 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL ON FAILURE OF ENFORCEABILITY DATE

Pub. L. 108–451, title I, §111, Dec. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 3499, provided that: