

Reclamation Manual

Directives and Standards

Subject:	Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles, Article 31: Contract Drafting Considerations
Purpose:	To commit Reclamation's Standard Contract Article 31 to the Reclamation Manual, introduced by a brief description and direction regarding its use, for the benefit of making it easily accessible and promoting Reclamation-wide consistency in its use and content.
Authority:	The Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory and supplementary thereto.
Approving Official:	Director, Office of Program and Policy Services
Contact:	Office of Program and Policy Services; Contracts Services Office, 84-56000

1. **Contract Drafting Considerations.** This article is included in all contracts. The purpose of this article is to affirm that, except for the standard contract articles, the contractor and the United States jointly drafted, negotiated, and reviewed the contract. It also affirms that both parties were knowledgeable in the matters to which the contract pertains.
2. **Reclamation Standard Contract Article 31.**

CONTRACT DRAFTING CONSIDERATIONS¹

Articles _ through _ of this Contract have been drafted, negotiated, and reviewed by the parties hereto, each of whom is sophisticated in the matters to which this Contract pertains, and no one party shall be considered to have drafted the stated articles.

¹Approved 01/02.