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Policy

Subject: Pest Management

Purpose: To establish policy for the management of pests on Reclamation lands.

Authority: Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended; Halogeton Glomeratus Control Act (66 Stat. 579); Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-629 as amended, see Public Law 101-624 for Section 15); Carlson-Foley Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-583, 82 Stat. 1146) concerning Control of Noxious Plants on Federal Lands; 517 DM 1. Pesticide Use Policy; and 1990 Farm Bill, M. 609 DM 1.2B.

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1. Integrated Pest Management

- A. Reclamation is responsible for the identification and proper management of pests on Reclamation lands and at Reclamation-owned facilities in accordance with the national policies set out in FIFRA, Federal Noxious Weed Act, Carlson-Foley Act, and applicable State and local laws and standards. This responsibility is to be fully considered in the development of a local Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program.
- B. Reclamation will coordinate the use of pest and environmental information with available pest control methods to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The goal of IPM is to manage pests and the environment so as to balance cost, benefits, public health, and environmental quality. IPM is a process for determining if pest management is needed; when management should be initiated; at what frequency treatments should be applied; what physical, cultural, biological, or chemical strategies should be employed; and the effect of the treatment.
- C. The Director, Program Analysis Office (PAO), with the cooperation of regional and area office staff, will develop overall policy and guidance on pest management regulations, issues, and pest management activities that are Reclamation's responsibility. This includes the establishment of uniform Reclamation-wide guidance in compliance with all Federal laws, regulations, and Executive orders and to provide responsible ecologically sound management to all lands, water, and facilities held in trust by Reclamation for the United States. The Director is responsible for designating a Pest Management Coordinator to ensure oversight, establishment, and implementation of the IPM Program.
- D. The Director will also provide Reclamation coordination and representation to the Department of the Interior Weed Control Committee and the Federal Interagency

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Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds. Reclamation will coordinate with these committees in order to comply with Departmental policies, programs, and related activities.

- E. The Technical Services Center, in conjunction with the Pest Management Coordinator, will provide assistance to the Area and Regional Pest Management Coordinators on technical issues; monitor Reclamation compliance; and assist in the development of policy, directives and standards, and discretionary guidance.
 - (1) In addition, the Technical Service Center will assist Reclamation regions and PAO, upon request, to address special issues, provide technical assistance, and develop special studies and/or demonstration projects to promote IPM concepts and solve specific IPM problems. All special IPM studies and demonstration projects will be coordinated through the PAO IPM Coordinator to ensure continuity of Reclamation IPM efforts, goals, direction, and regulations.

- F. Area Managers and Regional Directors are responsible for pest management within their respective areas/regions and will designate an individual termed the Area/Regional Pest Management Coordinator. These individuals will:
 - (1) Be provided with appropriate training commensurate with the pest management activities they are expected to perform.
 - (2) Ensure proper management of IPM plans and compliance with current pest management regulations in each area/regional office and assess and coordinate records. Records will include: pest inventories, monitoring records, IPM strategies, and decisions.
 - (3) Assist the PAO in monitoring reviews of area/regional pest management programs.