

Reclamation Manual

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Subject:	Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles, Standard Article 18: Administration of Federal Project Lands
Purpose:	To provide requirements for the content and application of Standard Article 18: Administration of Federal Project Lands (Standard Article 18), for the benefit of supporting general policy and specific requirements set forth in Reclamation Manual Policy PEC P10, <i>Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles</i> (PEC P10).
Authority:	The Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), especially section 6 (43 U.S.C. § 498), and acts amendatory and supplementary thereto, especially section 5 of the Reclamation Extension Act of 1914 (Pub. L. 63-170; 43 U.S.C. § 499), and subsection G of the Fact Finders' Act of 1924 (Pub. L. 68-292; 43 U.S.C. § 500).
Approving Official:	Director, Policy and Administration
Contact:	Water and Environmental Resources Division, 84-55000

1. **Introduction.** This Directive and Standard provides the text for Standard Article 18 and addresses related requirements. Paragraph 6 of PEC P10 indicates which contracts require Standard Article 18. In general, Standard Article 18 is required where the contractor is or is expected to be responsible for operation and maintenance of project facilities or lands. It addresses the authority, duties, and limitations associated with the contractor's use of Federal lands in connection with these responsibilities.
2. **Applicability.** This Directive and Standard applies to Reclamation staff and officials involved in the contracting process, as defined at Paragraph 3.A. of PEC P10, for contracts requiring Standard Article 18 under Paragraph 6 of PEC P10.
3. **Definitions.** See Paragraph 3 of PEC P10.
4. **Responsibilities.** See Paragraph 4 of PEC P10.
5. **Text of Standard Article 18.**

ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL PROJECT LANDS¹

The lands and interests in lands acquired, withdrawn, or reserved and needed by the United States for the purposes of care, operation, and maintenance of **(identify Federal project**

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or part of project, as appropriate) works may be used by the Contractor for such purposes.

The Contractor shall ensure that no unauthorized encroachment occurs on Federal project lands and rights-of-way. The Contractor does not have the authority to issue any land-use agreement or grant that conveys an interest in Federal real property, nor to lease or dispose of any interest of the United States.