

Reclamation Manual

Directives and Standards

Subject:	Incorporation of Visual Identity into Building Signage
Purpose:	Establishes requirements for planning, designing, and fabricating building signs to ensure compliance with the Bureau of Reclamation's Visual Identity (VI) requirements. The benefit of this Directive and Standard (D&S) is that it ensures new signage is consistent at all Reclamation facilities and offices and helps visitors find the location of Reclamation facilities and or office. It also provides a positive, professional, and consistent image, a standardized sign design has been approved for the interior and exterior of buildings.
Authority:	Reclamation Manual (RM) Policy, <i>Visual Identity</i> (ADM P05), Commissioner's memoranda dated July 28, 2003, and June 3, 2004
Approving Official:	Deputy Commissioner, External and Intergovernmental Affairs
Contact:	Public Affairs (92-80000) and Property Management Branch (84-27840)

1. **Introduction.** This D&S applies to planning, designing, and fabricating signs for the interior and exterior of buildings owned and occupied by Reclamation or occupied by Reclamation through a lease agreement with the General Services Administration (GSA) or other lease grantors.
2. **Applicability.** This D&S applies to Reclamation employees who are responsible for signs in buildings. It only applies for the fabrication and installation of new signs and the replacement and renovation of existing signs. All building signage must conform to the common elements of VI and this D&S.
3. **Definitions - Visual Identity.** Visual identity is a single visual framework for all Reclamation communication products, including printed and electronic.
4. **Responsibilities.**
 - A. **Area Sign Coordinator.** The area sign coordinator is responsible for:
 - (1) coordinating all signage needs for buildings under the office's jurisdiction;
 - (2) working with the individual grantor of the building lease and the regional sign coordinator during the sign design and planning stages to ensure that the grantor's building requirements and local ordinances are followed and that the common elements of the VI system, as described in the VI Online Manual, are followed to the extent possible; and
 - (3) collaborating with all appropriate employees.

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- B. Regional Sign Coordinator.** The regional sign coordinator is responsible for:
- (1) reviewing proposed drawings or plans during the sign planning and designing stages to ensure compliance with this D&S, VI Online Manual, and [*Sign Guidelines for Planning, Design, Fabrication, Procurement, Installation, and Maintenance of Signs for Outdoor Public Use Areas \(Sign Manual\)*](#);
 - (2) coordinating with grantor of building lease, including those with National Historic Preservation status as requested;
 - (3) maintaining a list of vendors that can fabricate or manufacture the required signs in conformance with this D&S;
 - (4) assisting Reclamation offices with the acquisition and procurement process, when needed; and
 - (5) producing layouts using standards in the Sign Manual and the VI Online Manual Web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/vip>.
5. **Visual Identity.** Building signs will comply with the standards shown on the Visual Identity Online Manual at <http://www.usbr.gov/vip>. All signs must comply with ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities available at www.access-board.gov.
6. **Coordination with General Services Administration.**
- A. Implementation of this D&S is subject to the requirements of GSA for leased buildings of which Reclamation may be the sole tenant or one of many. GSA requirements vary from state to state and region to region and will take precedence over this D&S.
 - B. Buildings owned or leased directly from GSA as a sole tenant or one of many are subject to local planning and zoning laws, sign ordinances, protective covenants, and terms and conditions of a lease.
 - C. Unless otherwise directed by GSA or sign ordinances, protective covenants etc., Reclamation's VI Online Manual standards will be used with no alteration. The VI Online Manual can be viewed at <http://www.usbr.gov/vip>.

RECLAMATION MANUAL TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Summary of Changes

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