

Public Law 100-465
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 3, 1988

[H.R. 2046]

To authorize the Secretary of State to conclude agreements with the appropriate representative of the Government of Mexico to correct pollution of the Rio Grande.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Rio Grande
Pollution
Correction Act of
1987.
22 USC 277 note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Rio Grande Pollution Correction Act of 1987".

22 USC 277g.

SEC. 2. AGREEMENTS TO CORRECT POLLUTION OF RIO GRANDE.

Texas.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State, acting through the United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Commissioner"), is authorized to conclude agreements with the appropriate representative of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Mexico for the purpose of correcting the international problem of pollution of the Rio Grande caused by discharge of raw and inadequately treated sewage and other wastes into such river from the border cities including but not limited to Ciudad Acuna, Nuevo Laredo, and Reynosa, Mexico, and Del Rio, Laredo, and Hidalgo, Texas.

Safety.

(b) **CONTENT OF AGREEMENTS.**—Agreements concluded under subsection (a) should consist of recommendations to the Governments of the United States and Mexico of measures to protect the health and welfare of persons along the Rio Grande from the effects of pollution, including—

(1) facilities that should be constructed, operated, and maintained in each country;

(2) estimates of the cost of plans, construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities referred to in paragraph (1);

(3) formulas for the initial division between the United States and Mexico of the cost of plans, constructions, operation, and maintenance of the facilities referred to in paragraph (1);

(4) a method for review and adjustment of the formulas referred to in paragraph (3) at intervals of five years which recognizes that such initial formulas should not be used as a precedent in their subsequent review and adjustment; and

(5) dates for the beginning and completion of construction of the facilities referred to in paragraph (1).

22 USC 277g-1.

SEC. 3. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLAN, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES.

The Secretary of State, acting through the Commissioner, is authorized to act jointly with the appropriate representative of the Government of Mexico and to—

(1) supervise the planning of, and

(2) supervise construction, operation, and maintenance of,

the facilities recommended in agreements concluded pursuant to section 2 and approved by the Governments of the United States and Mexico.

SEC. 4. CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OTHER AUTHORITIES. 22 USC 277g-2.

The Secretary of State shall consult with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and other concerned Federal, State, and local government officials in implementing this Act.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. 22 USC 277g-3.

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the United States to fund its share of the cost of the plans, construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities recommended in agreements concluded pursuant to section 2 and approved by the Governments of the United States and Mexico.

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