

ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA PRESERVATION ACT

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469. Preservation of historical and archeological data threatened by dam construction or alterations of terrain.

It is the purpose of sections 469 to 460 c-1 of this title to further the policy set forth in sections 461 to 467 of this title, by specifically providing for the preservation of historical and archeological data (including relics and specimens) which might otherwise be irreparably lost or destroyed as the result of the (1) flooding, the building of access roads, the erection of workmen's communities, the relocation of railroads and highways, and other alterations of the terrain caused by the construction of a dam by any agency of the United States, or by any private person or corporation holding a license issued by any such agency or (2) any alteration of the terrain caused as a result of any Federal construction project or federally licensed activities or program.

469a. Notice of dam construction to be given Secretary of the Interior by United States agencies.

Before any agency of the United States shall undertake the construction of a dam, or issue a license to any private individual or corporation for the construction of a dam, or issue a license to any private individual or corporation for the construction of a dam, it shall give written notice to the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter referred to as the Secretary) setting forth the site of the proposed dam and the approximate area to be flooded and otherwise changed if such construction is undertaken: *Provided*, That with respect to any flood water retarding dam which provides less than five thousand acre-feet of detention capacity and with respect to any other type of dam which creates a reservoir of less than forty surface acres the provisions of this section shall apply only when the constructing agency, in its preliminary surveys, finds, or is presented with evidence that historical or archeological materials exist or may be present in the proposed reservoir area.

469a-1. Threat of irreparable loss or destruction of significant scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archeological data by Federal construction projects; notice to Secretary of the Interior; survey; recovery, preservation, and protection of data.

(a) Notification and request for preservation of data.

Whenever any Federal agency finds, or is notified, in writing, by an appropriate historical or archeological authority, that its activities in connection with any Federal construction project or federally licensed project, activity, or program may cause irreparable loss or destruction of significant scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archeological data, such agency shall notify the Secretary, in writing, and shall provide the Secretary with appropriate information concerning the project, program, or activity. Such agency may request the Secretary to undertake the recovery, protection, and preservation of such data (including preliminary survey, or other investigation as needed, and analysis and

publication of the reports resulting from such investigation), or it may, with funds appropriated for such project, program, or activity, undertake such activities. Copies of this section shall be submitted to the Secretary, who shall make them available to the public for inspection and review.

(b) Survey of site; preservation of data; compensation.

Whenever any Federal agency provides financial assistance by loan, grant, or otherwise to any private person, association, or public entity, the Secretary, if he determines that significant scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archeological data might be irrevocably lost or destroyed, may with funds appropriated expressly for this purpose conduct, with the consent of all persons, associations, or public entities having a legal interest in the property involved, a survey of the affected site and undertake the recovery, protection, and preservation of such data (including analysis and publication). The Secretary shall, unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing, compensate any person, association, or public entity damaged as a result of delays in construction or as a result of the temporary loss of the use of private or any nonfederally owned lands.

469a-2. Survey by Secretary of the Interior; recovery and preservation of data; compensation for delays in construction and for temporary loss of use of land.

(a) Survey conducted; preservation of data.

The Secretary, upon notification, in writing by any Federal or State agency or appropriate historical or archeological authority that scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archeological data is being or may be irrevocably lost or destroyed by any Federal or federally assisted or licensed project, activity, or program, shall, if he determines that such data is significant and is being or may be irrevocably lost or destroyed and after reasonable notice to the agency responsible for funding or licensing such project, activity, or program, conduct or cause to be conducted a survey and other investigation of the areas which are or may be affected and recover and preserve such data (including analysis and publication) which, in his opinion, are not being, but should be, recovered and preserved in the public interest.

(b) Emergency projects.

No survey or recovery work shall be required pursuant to this section which, in the determination of the head of the responsible agency, would impede Federal or federally assisted or licensed projects or activities undertaken in connection with any emergency, including projects or activities undertaken in anticipation of, or as a result of, a natural disaster.

(c) Initiation of survey.

The Secretary shall initiate the survey or recovery effort within sixty days after notification to him pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or within such time as may be agreed upon with the head of the agency responsible for funding or licensing the project, activity, or program in all other cases.

(d) Compensation by Secretary.

The Secretary shall, unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing, compensate any person, association, or public entity damaged as a result of delays in construction or as a result of the temporary loss of the use of private or nonfederally owned land.

469a-3. Progress reports by Secretary of the Interior on surveys and work undertaken as result of surveys; disposition of relics and specimens recovered; coordination of survey and recovery activities; annual report.

(a) Progress reports to funding or licensing agency.

The Secretary shall keep the agency responsible for funding or licensing the project notified at all times of the progress of any survey made under section 469 to 469c of this title or of any work undertaken as a result of such survey, in order that there will be as little disruption or delay as possible in the carrying out of the functions of such agency and the survey and recovery programs shall terminate at a time mutually agreed upon by the Secretary and the head of such agency unless extended by mutual agreement.

(b) Disposition of relics and specimens.

The Secretary shall consult with any interested Federal and State agencies, educational and scientific organizations, and private institutions and qualified individuals, with a view to determining the ownership of and the most appropriate repository for any relics and specimens recovered as a result of any work performed as provided for in this section.

(c) Coordination of activities; annual report.

The Secretary shall coordinate all Federal survey and recovery activities authorized under section 469 to 469c-1 of this title and shall submit an annual report at the end of each fiscal year to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate indicating the scope and effectiveness of the program, the specific projects surveyed and the results produced, and the costs incurred by the Federal Government as a result thereof.

469b. Administration; contract or agreements; services of experts, consultants, or organizations; acceptance of funds.

In the administration of section 469 to 469c-1 of this title, the Secretary may-

- (1) enter into contracts or make cooperative agreements with any Federal or State agency, any education or scientific organization, or any institution, corporation, association, or qualified individual; and
- (2) obtain the services of experts and consultants or organizations thereof in accordance with section 3109 of title 5; and

(3) accept and utilize funds made available for salvage archeological purposes by any private person or corporation or transferred to him by any Federal agency.

469c. Assistance to Secretary of the Interior by Federal agencies responsible for construction projects; authorization of appropriations.

(a) Assistance of Federal agencies.

To carry out the purposes of section 460 to 469 c-1 of this title, any Federal agency responsible for a construction project may assist the Secretary and/or it may transfer to him such funds as may be agreed upon, but not more than 1 per centum of the total amount authorized to be appropriated for such project, except that the 1 per centum limitation of this section shall not apply in the event that the project involves \$50,000 or less: *Provided*, That the costs of such survey, recovery, analysis, and publication shall be considered nonreimbursable project costs.

(b) Authorization of appropriations for preservation of data.

For the purposes of Section 469 a-1(b) of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary, but not more than \$500,000 in fiscal year 1974; \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1975; \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1976; \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1977; \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1978; \$500,000 in fiscal year 1979; \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1980; \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1981; \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1982; and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 1983.

(c) Authorization of appropriations for surveys and investigations.

For the purposes of section 469a-2(a) of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated not more than \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 1974; \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 1975; \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1976; \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1977; \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1978; \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1979; \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1980; \$3,500,000 in fiscal 1981; \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 1982; and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 1983.

(d) Availability of appropriations.

Beginning fiscal year 1979, sums appropriated for purposes of this section shall remain available until expended.

469c-1. "State" defined.

As used in sections 469 to 469c-1 of this title, the term "State" includes the several States of the Union, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands; Guam; American Samoa; the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and the Commonwealth