NAVY'S LAND AND WATER USE ASSESSMENT Section 206(c) - Public Law 101-618

STATUS:

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Draft Assessment (dated July 1992) started internal Navy review

Navy has contracted a consultant to develop NEPA document - proposed as an Environmental Assessment

Navy has scheduled a briefing for March 30, 1993, with the Nevada Congressional delegation

The Service will receive a copy of the draft assessment after the March 30th briefing

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY:

Navy currently manages 2,934 acres of water-righted land within Newlands Project with 10,269 acre-feet of water rights at a transfer rate of 3.5 acrefeet per acre.

Proposes a 10-year agricultural leasing program for Navy lands to reduce safety problems related to soil erosion, dust control, and foreign object damage.

The tentative water efficiency savings under the proposed long-term outlease program could result in 3,319.5 acre-feet of water being transferred to the Service under paragraph 206(c)(3) of the Law for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources.

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