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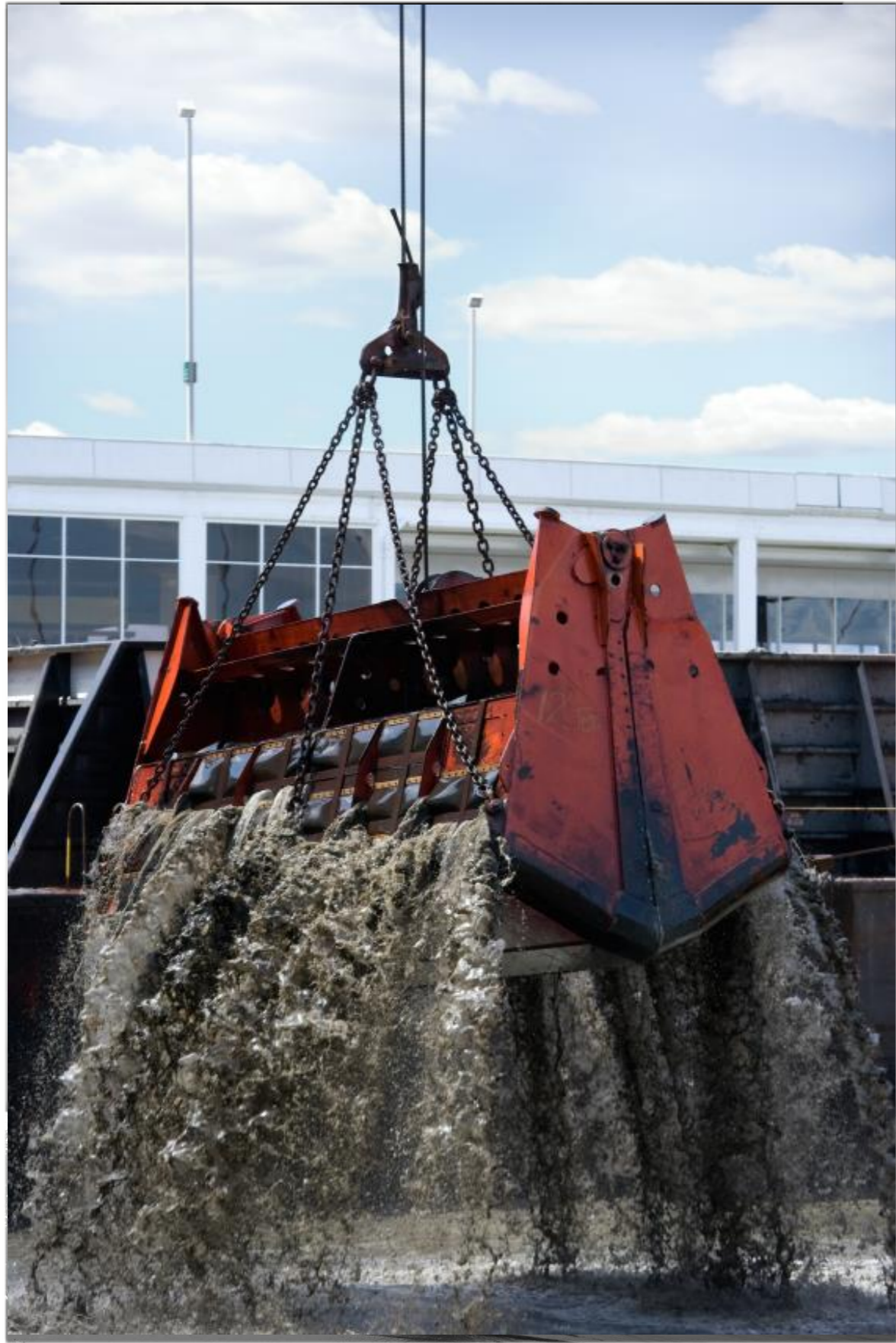
# Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014

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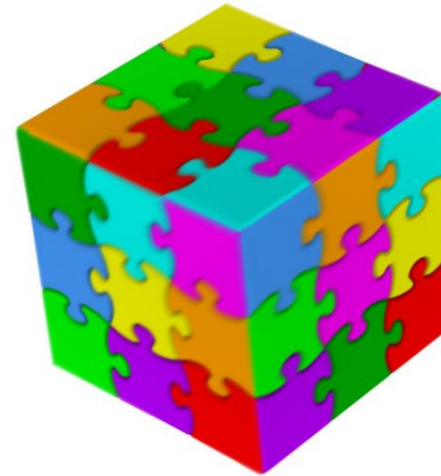
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# New Approaches to Old Challenges

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- ❖ Public Law 113-121
- ❖ Reform the Process to Deliver Results
- ❖ Implementation: Actions Have Consequences

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## The Challenges of Policy Redirection

# Process Delivers Outcomes

- ❖ Congressional Intent
- ❖ Address Needs of Stakeholders
- ❖ Report to Congress

under this section shall be determined by a survey that is satisfactory to the Secretary.

(2) **APPLICABILITY OF PROPERTY SCREENING PROVISIONS.**—Section 2696 of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply to any conveyance under this section.

(3) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary may require that any conveyance under this section be subject to such additional terms and conditions as the Secretary considers necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(4) **COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.**—An entity to which a conveyance is made under this section shall be responsible for all reasonable and necessary costs, including real estate transaction and environmental documentation costs, associated with the conveyance.

(5) **LIABILITY.**—An entity to which a conveyance is made under this section shall hold the United States harmless from any liability with respect to activities carried out, on or after the date of the conveyance, on the real property conveyed. The United States shall remain responsible for any liability with respect to activities carried out, before such date, on the real property conveyed.

16 USC 631e note

(h) **RELEASE OF USE RESTRICTIONS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Tennessee Valley Authority shall, without monetary consideration, grant releases from real estate restrictions established pursuant to section 4(k)(b) of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 (16 U.S.C. 831c(k)(b)) with respect to tracts of land identified in section 4(k)(b) of that Act, subject to the condition that such releases shall be granted in a manner consistent with applicable Tennessee Valley Authority policies.

## TITLE VII—WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE

33 USC 2282d.

### SEC. 7001. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than February 1 of each year, the Secretary shall develop and submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives an annual report, to be entitled “Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development”, that identifies the following:

(1) **FEASIBILITY REPORTS.**—Each feasibility report that meets the criteria established in subsection (c)(1)(A).

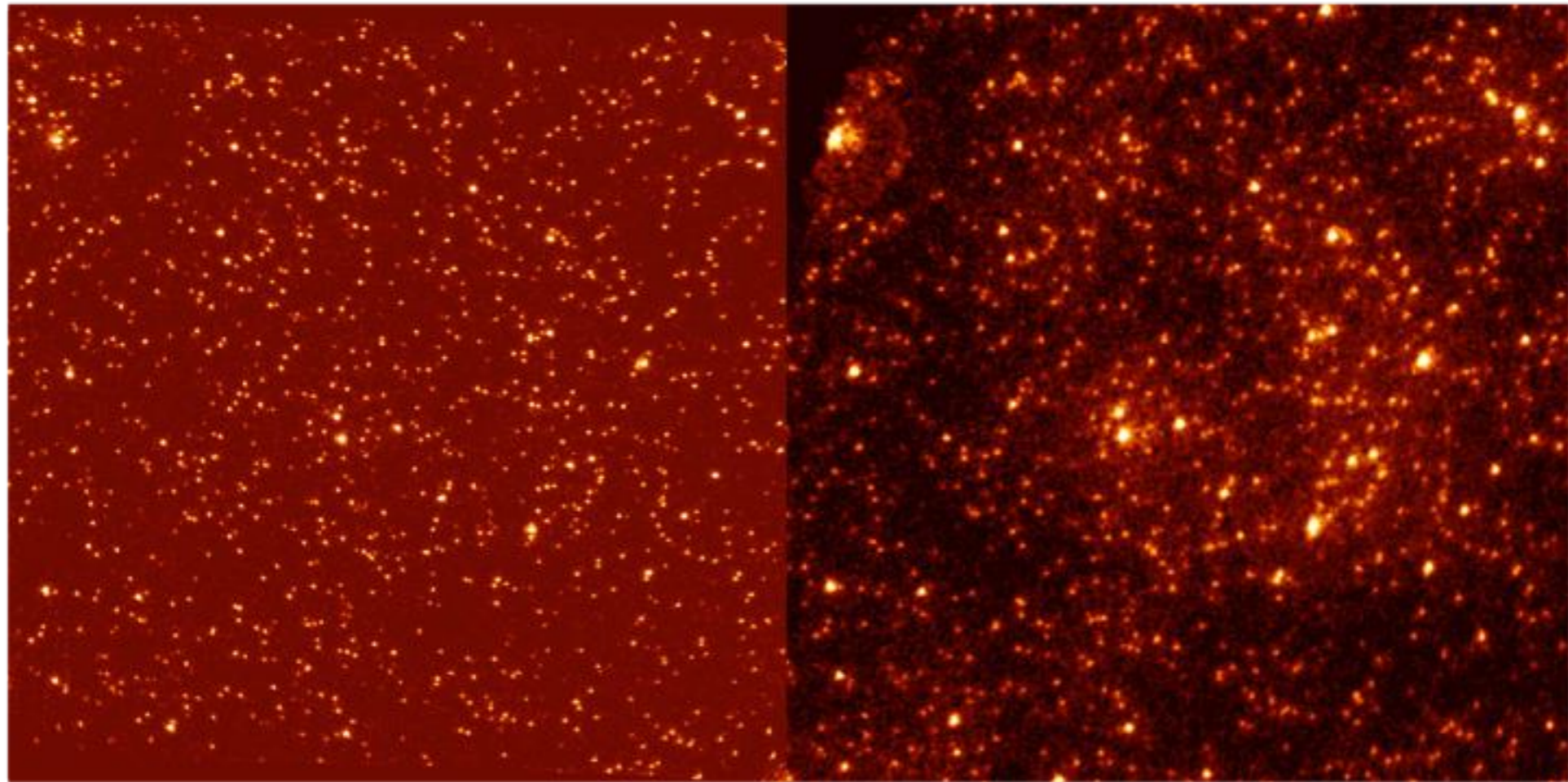
(2) **PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDIES.**—Any proposed feasibility study submitted to the Secretary by a non-Federal interest pursuant to subsection (b) that meets the criteria established in subsection (c)(1)(A).

(3) **PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS.**—Any proposed modification to an authorized water resources development project or feasibility study that meets the criteria established in subsection (c)(1)(A) that—

(A) is submitted to the Secretary by a non-Federal interest pursuant to subsection (b); or

(B) is identified by the Secretary for authorization.

(b) **REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.**—



## *Case Study: Addressing the Earmark Ban and Making WRRDA Work*

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- ❖ Develop a process to identify projects for study and/or modification
- ❖ 5 criteria codified to define universe
- ❖ Annual report February 1
- ❖ 19 projects and 95 rejections

Administration Approval of  
Project Criterion

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# Going Forward

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- ❖ To Improve Prospects for Effective Outcomes:
  - ❖ Articulate your fundamental expectations for WRRDA
  - ❖ Work with Members to support reforms and congressional intent





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