APPENDIX A

SECTION 204(e)

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(e) REIMBURSEMENT--

- (1) GENERAL RULE.--Subject to the enactment of appropriation Acts, the Secretary is authorized to reimburse any non-Federal interest an amount equal to the estimate of Federal share, without interest, of the cost of any authorized harbor or inland harbor improvement, or separable element thereof, constructed under the terms of this section if--
 - (A) after authorization of the project and before initiation of construction of the project or separable element-
 - (i) the Secretary approves the plans of construction of such project by such non-Federal interest, and Contracts.
 - (ii) such non-Federal interest enters into an agreement to pay the non-Federal share, if any, of the cost of operation and maintenance of such project; and
 - (B) the Secretary finds before approval of the plans of construction of the project that the project, or separable element, is economically justified and environmentally acceptable.
- (2) MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN REVIEWING PLANS.--In reviewing such plans, the Secretary shall consider budgetary and programmatic priorities, potential impacts on the cost of dredging projects nationwide, and other factors that the Secretary deems appropriate.
- (3) MONITORING.--The Secretary shall regularly monitor and audit any project for a harbor or inland harbor constructed under this subsection by a non-Federal interest in order to ensure that such construction is in compliance with the plans approved by the Secretary, and that costs are reasonable. No reimbursement shall be made unless and until the Secretary has certified that the work for which reimbursement is requested has been performed in accordance with applicable permits and the approved plans.