

## Crime! If you see it, report it!

Damaging Bureau of Reclamation property is a crime. Reclamation and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) are in a partnership against crime. The dams, powerhouses, substations, transmission lines, water diversions, reservoirs and irrigation canals owned and operated by these two Federal agencies constitute major components of the nation's critically important infrastructure in the western US. They provide electrical power, flood control, fish and wildlife benefits, recreation and water to tens of millions of citizens, ratepayers and customers.

The Federal Crime Witness Program features a nationwide toll-free hotline which allows you to report, confidentially, any illegal activity that you witness against Reclamation or BPA property or personnel.

The Federal Crime Witness Program is designed to heighten public awareness of the serious impacts of crime within or around dams, irrigation canals, reservoirs, power production facilities, electrical substations and transmission lines.

Reclamation and BPA operate a 24-hour toll-free hotline to gather information about a crime or crime in progress. This toll-free number is linked directly to BPA Headquarters in Portland, Oregon.

**Crime Witness Hotline:  
1-800-437-2744**

## What is a Crime?

What to watch for as a Crime Witness:

- ◆ Dumping of any waste materials on Reclamation property
- ◆ Theft of Reclamation property and vehicles
- ◆ Vandalism directed at Reclamation property, buildings and vehicles
- ◆ Physical harm or threats to Reclamation personnel

If you see or suspect that any of these crimes have been committed, become a Crime Witness.

Once your call is received, it is assigned a case number and given to a trained security specialist to follow-up and investigate.

You can help deter criminal activity and reduce costs to Reclamation and its customers (you) by calling the Federal Crime Witness Program hotline at 1-800-437-2744.

*The Mission of the  
Bureau of Reclamation is to  
manage, develop, and protect water  
and related resources in an  
environmentally and economically  
sound manner in the interest  
of the American People.*



## Why is this important to You?

Millions of people in the western US depend on a safe and reliable source of water for domestic, commercial and agricultural use. These same people also depend on a reliable source of electricity. Hospitals, schools, businesses and government agencies need electricity to perform the tasks we all depend on every day.

Reclamation serves as the fifth largest electric utility in the 17 western states and as the nation's second largest wholesale water supplier, administering 348 reservoirs, operating 58 hydroelectric power-plants and delivering 10 trillion gallons of water annually to more than 31 million people. Also, our facilities provide a reliable source of water to meet the demands of fish and wildlife and flood control. Reclamation provides 1 out of 5 western farmers with irrigation water for 10 million acres producing 60 percent of the nation's vegetables and 25 percent of its fruits and nuts. It also manages in partnership 308 recreation sites visited by 90 million people each year.

The Bureau of Reclamation operates within a vast geographical area encompassing all or parts of following 17 western states: Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Since many individuals, cities, towns, farms and businesses depend on Reclamation facilities for many reasons, it is important that those who may have witnessed a crime have information about how and where to report it immediately to the proper authorities.

The Federal Crime Witness Program's toll-free hotline is one way of reporting such activities.

## How the Crime Witness Program works for You

Anyone who sees or suspects a crime directed against Reclamation facilities or personnel can be a Crime Witness by calling toll free 1-800-437-2744. The toll-free Crime Witness hotline is confidential. Hotline personnel will ask questions about the reported crime. The information gathered from the Hotline will be used to investigate the crime in cooperation with federal and local law enforcement agencies.

Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 will be paid to Crime Witness informants that provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons committing the crime. The informant's identity is kept strictly confidential.

For more information about the Crime Witness program, please call the toll free number 1-800-437-2744 or the BPA Security Office at 503-230-4274 or 503-230-5148.

### **Federal Crime Witness Program**

P.O. Box 3621 CGS-1  
Portland, OR 97208-3821  
1-800-437-2744



**To Report Theft, Vandalism, or Illegal  
Dumping on Bureau of Reclamation  
Property or Harm to Bureau of  
Reclamation Personnel.**

**UP TO \$1,000 REWARD**