

FUNDING TO PROCESS PERMITS

Pub. L. 106-541, title II, Sec. 214, Dec. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 2594, as amended by Pub. L. 108-137, title I, Sec. 114, Dec. 1, 2003, 117 Stat. 1836; Pub. L. 109-99, Sec. 1, Nov. 11, 2005, 119 Stat. 2169, provided that:

"(a) In General. - The Secretary, after public notice, may accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.

"(b) Effect on Permitting. - In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall ensure that the use of funds accepted under subsection (a) will not impact impartial decision-making with respect to permits, either substantively or procedurally.