

**TITLE 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**CHAPTER 108 - NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY**

**SUBCHAPTER I - DISPOSAL AND STORAGE OF HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE,  
SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, AND LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE**

**Part A - Repositories for Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste and Spent  
Nuclear Fuel**

**§ 10144. Consideration of effect of acquisition of water rights**

The Secretary shall give full consideration to whether the development, construction, and operation of a repository may require any purchase or other acquisition of water rights that will have a significant adverse effect on the present or future development of the area in which such repository is located. The Secretary shall mitigate any such adverse effects to the maximum extent practicable.

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