

## § 1304.2

*Applicant* means the person, corporation, State, municipality, political subdivision or other entity making application.

*Application* means a written request for the approval of plans pursuant to section 26a of the Act and the regulations contained in this part.

*Board* means the Board of Directors of TVA.

*Director* means the Director of Land and Forest Resources of TVA.

*TVA* means the Tennessee Valley Authority.

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### § 1304.2 Scope and intent.

The Act among other things confers on TVA broad powers related to the unified conservation and development of the Tennessee River Valley and surrounding area and directs that property in TVA's custody be used to promote the Act's purposes. In particular, section 26a of the Act requires that TVA's approval be obtained prior to the construction, operation, or maintenance of any dam, appurtenant works, or other obstruction affecting navigation, flood control, or public lands or reservations along or in the Tennessee River or any of its tributaries. By way of example only, such obstructions include boat docks, piers, boathouses, rafts, buoys, floats, boat launching ramps, fills, and nonnavigable houseboats as defined in §1304.201. Any person considering construction, operating, or maintaining any such structure should carefully study these regulations before doing so. The regulations also apply to certain structures built upon land subject to TVA flowage easements. In the transfer or other disposition affecting shoreline lands within its custody, TVA has also retained land rights to carry out the Act's purposes including rights related to control of water pollution from the use of the land transferred. TVA uses and permits use of the lands and land rights in its custody alongside and adjacent to TVA reservoirs to carry out the purposes and policies of the Act. In addition, recent legislation, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4321

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*et seq.*, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.* (FWPCA), have declared it to be congressional policy that agencies should administer their statutory authorities so as to restore, preserve and enhance the quality of the environment and should cooperate in the control of pollution. Unless otherwise noted, all references in this title to these statutes shall be deemed to include any future amendments to them. It is the intent of the regulations prescribed in this Part 1304 to carry out the purposes of the Act and other statutes relating to these purposes, and this part shall be interpreted and applied to that end.

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### § 1304.3 Flotation devices and material.

(a) Because of the possible release of toxic or polluting substances, and the hazard to navigation from metal drums that become partially filled with water and escape from docks, boathouses, houseboats, floats, and other water-use structures and facilities for which they are used for flotation, the Board has prohibited use of metal drums in any form, except as authorized in paragraph (b) of this section, for flotation of any facilities requiring approval under this part before being constructed or placed on any TVA reservoir.

(b) The only metal drums permitted are those which have been filled with plastic foam or other solid flotation materials and welded, strapped, or otherwise firmly secured in place prior to July 1, 1972, on existing facilities, but replacement of any metal drum flotation permitted to be used by this subsection must be with some type of permanent flotation device or material, for example, pontoons, boat hulls, or other buoyancy devices made of steel, aluminum, fiberglass, or plastic foam, not including filled metal drums.

(c) Every flotation device employed in the Tennessee River system must be firmly and securely affixed to the structure it supports with materials