

"While the acts of Congress approving the settlements are available to everyone, the settlement agreements and other implementing documents are not readily available. Collecting these settlement agreements and implementing documents into an accessible database could prove invaluable to those federal, state, tribal and private party negotiators currently involved in negotiations."

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Native American Water Rights Settlement E-Repository

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The **Native American Water Rights Settlement E-Repository** is designed to make Native American water rights settlement documents available online for those involved in or studying settlement negotiations. The repository will contain federal, state, tribal and court public documents that relate to Native American water rights settlements. No confidential information will be included in the database. Information can be accessed online through a traditional text search and through a map-based web interface that includes a clickable U.S. map which will provide visual reference and allow searches based on reservation, state, or water basin.

Project benefits:

- **Access to the information needed to craft enduring water rights settlements.**
- **Reduce time required to work out Native American water issues.**
- **Provide stakeholders and courts access to the challenges and opportunities that have been experienced by others.**
- **Allow research to identify successful approaches to settlement.**
- **Improve future water dispute resolution and management creating benefits for society as a whole.**

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