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Regulations governing the administration of funds to assist Indian irrigation projects and fisheries under the Drought Emergency Act of April 7, 1977, are being published in the Federal Register, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Raymond V. Butler announced today.

The regulations tell how qualified applicants may obtain funds to remedy some detrimental effects of the 1976-77 drought. Provisions are made for short-term actions to increase water supplies and to repair, or improve water supply facilities.

Since the Act is in response to emergency conditions, actions funded under it are to be completed prior to or during the 1977 irrigation season.

The regulations will be effective on publication and will expire on September 30, 1977.

These regulations are supplementary to regulations being published by Interior's Bureau of Reclamation.

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