



1 **“SEC. 3B. COST SHARE ASSISTANCE FOR RESERVOIRS FOR**  
2 **RURAL WATER SUPPLY.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the other require-  
4 ments of this section, the Secretary may provide the Fed-  
5 eral share of the cost of constructing a reservoir structure  
6 for the storage of water to increase the water supply in  
7 a rural area. The Federal share shall be not less than 50  
8 percent, as determined by the Secretary.

9 “(b) LIMITATION.—The cost of increasing the water  
10 supply of a rural area in connection with a project assisted  
11 under subsection (a), excluding the cost of constructing  
12 main water transmission lines, may not exceed 50 percent  
13 of the total cost of the project.

14 “(c) PURPOSE.—In order to qualify for assistance  
15 under this section, a project must increase the supply of  
16 water in an agricultural or rural community in a rural  
17 area that is experiencing a severe problem with the quality  
18 or quantity of water.

19 “(d) RURAL AREA.—As used in this section, the term  
20 ‘rural area’ means any area other than an area within a  
21 standard metropolitan statistical area (based on the most  
22 recent decennial census of the United States).”.

23 (b) DEFINITION OF WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT.—Sec-  
24 tion 2 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1002) is amended by strik-  
25 ing “Each project must contain” and all that follows  
26 through “benefits of the project.”.

