

North Dakota Technical Service Provider Program

SOIL CLASSIFIERS

Role of Professional Soil Classifiers:

North Dakota has a state law (Century Code 43-36) that regulates practices of soil classifying in the state. Under this law, any person involved in the practice of soil classifications, soil mapping, or soil interpretation must be registered by the state as a Professional Soil Classifier. Exempted from the requirement of registration are people regularly employed to perform soil classifying services solely for their employer, providing the service is performed in its connection with the property, products, or services of the employer. As a result, an engineer registered by the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, may perform soil activities within the scope of the practice of engineering with registration as a Professional Soil Classifier. An employee of USDA/NRCS, NDSU, etc., may provide soil classification services to his/her employer without registration. Registration is required, however, to provide soil classification services under a contract, whether written or oral.

The law regulating professional soil classification in North Dakota may have an impact on the Technical Service Provider program. Professional Soil Classifiers could be involved in the following activities:

- ✚ On-site hydric soil determinations.
- ✚ On-site salinity determinations.
- ✚ Technical recommendation related to on-site variances for tree planting, grass seeding, and pond or dam locations.
- ✚ Technical recommendations related to on-site variances associated with conservation practices, i.e., determinations of surface texture, K, T and I values.
- ✚ On-site irrigation suitability.
- ✚ On-site location of agricultural waste facilities.
- ✚ Training of Technical Service Providers.

For more information, or to find a registered soil classifier, [click here](#).

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