

PART MI505 - NON-NRCS ENGINEERING SERVICES

SUBPART A - INTRODUCTION

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MI505.01 State criteria for use of Non-NRCS engineering services.

(a) Non-project engineering measures (those where formal construction contracting will not be used).

(1) NRCS-Michigan will direct landowners to use non-NRCS engineering services for design and construction inspection in each of the categories listed below. Variances shall be recommended by the Assistant State Conservationist-Field Operations and approved by the State Conservationist prior to NRCS commitment of resources. Unless otherwise noted, NRCS-Michigan may provide Inventory & Evaluation (I&E) engineering assistance for these categories.

(i) All ponds and lakes for real estate development. (Includes mobile home developments.)

(ii) Engineering practices in urban or urbanizing areas, such as stormwater and erosion and sediment control for urbanizing construction sites, except for simple conservation practices to be installed by an individual landowner.

(iii) Components of non-agricultural waste management systems; off-farm agricultural processing waste management systems; and on-farm agricultural processing waste management systems that use raw products produced off-farm.

(iv) Irrigation delivery and distribution systems.

(v) Established county or intercounty drains except for upland treatment measures to reduce the amount of sediment reaching surface waters.

(vi) On-farm fueling facilities (NRCS will also direct landowners to use non-NRCS engineering services for I&E assistance for on-farm fueling facilities).

(b) Project engineering measure (where formal construction contracting will not be used).

(1) At the conclusion of the planning phase, the State Conservation Engineer, Assistant State Conservationist-Programs and the Assistant State Conservationist-Field Operations with responsibility will determine if NRCS has the authority, expertise, and staff to do the design.

(2) If NRCS has the authority, expertise and staff to do the design, the design will be prepared by the area engineering staff, unless otherwise directed by the State Conservationist.

(3) If NRCS does not have the authority, expertise, and staff to do the design, either non-NRCS engineering services will be utilized or the design will be delayed, as directed by the State Conservationist, until NRCS does have the authority, expertise, and staff. The procedure for obtaining the design through an Architectural & Engineering (A&E) firm will be in accordance with Item (5) below, guidelines for contracting Non-NRCS engineering services.

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(4) Designs will not begin until the sponsors have certified acquisition of land rights needed for installation.

(5) Guidelines for contracting Non-NRCS engineering services.

(i) Obtaining the A&E firm and performance of the contract will be in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

(ii) The contracting officer's technical representative for non-NRCS engineering service contracts shall be a registered professional engineer.

(iii) The contracting officer's technical representative shall participate fully in all aspects of selection of the A&E firm.