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SUBJECT: ENG - Engineering Assistance - Use of
Non SCS Engineers

PURPOSE: To Distribute NEM page IL 505-2(1)

Discussion: Urban Areas - Section 450, Part 408, Paragraph 408.02(c) of the General Manual states: "Assistance provided by the SCS in urban areas will not include detailed engineering surveys, design or supervision of installation." However, paragraph 408.01 states "This directive does not apply to individual land users requesting assistance for planning and installing simple conservation structures."

Pursuant to those instructions, field office staffs in Illinois are advised to limit survey and design assistance in urban areas to practices for which some member of the Field Office Staff has job approval. Assistance on jobs of greater complexity, but within the job approval authority of the Area Engineer, may be approved by the Area Conservationist. Requests for variances to this policy should be directed to the State Conservationist.

General Assistance - Part 505 of the National Engineering Manual provides SCS policy for use of Non SCS Engineers. Paragraph 505.01 delegates to the State Conservationist the responsibility to establish criteria for use of Non SCS Engineering Services. Pursuant to that policy, engineering assistance beyond normal planning, soils information, etc., will not be offered when the extent of the practice exceeds Illinois State Approval Authority (Class V on IL-ENG-35). In addition, limits on Dams and Structures, Open Channels, Pumping Plants, Waste Management Systems and Waste Treatment Lagoons shall be as per Table IL 505-1.

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