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NATIONAL ENGINEERING MANUAL (NEM)
210-V
AMENDMENT IL25 (Part 505, Subpart E Exhibits)

SUBJECT: ENG – Instructions to Landowners Employing Private Sector Engineers

Purpose: To supplement the NEM, Part 505 with Conservation Practice Specific Instructions to Landowners Employing Private Sector Engineers

Effective Date: This amendment is effective when received.

Explanation: Attached is a power point presentation which outlines NRCS policy when non-NRCS engineers (may be TSP's) provide technical assistance to participants in programs for which NRCS has technical responsibility.

1. Two actions suggested by policy in the National Engineering Manual (NEM), and covered in this presentation are:
 - a. NRCS employees may participate in a pre-design conference with the program participant and their engineer.
 - b. The NRCS may provide the program participant with a letter that outlines their responsibilities and those of the engineer(s) they hire.

In addition, the NEM recommends that non-NRCS engineers should generally be expected to layout and provide construction inspection for any practices they design.

2. Attached are Exhibits 1 through 6 which show Conservation Practice Specific Instructions to Landowners Employing Private Sector Engineers. These instructions are "fillable form letters." The following Exhibits will also be posted to the Illinois NRCS Intranet, Manuals, National Engineering Manual, Illinois Supplements to the National Engineering Manual, where they may be accessed by employees.

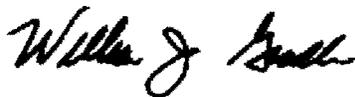
<http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/nrcsemp/directives/index.html>

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Practice Standard No./Landowner Instructions</u>	<u>Page Numbers</u>
Exhibit 1	IL-366 Anaerobic Digester-Controlled Temperature	IL505-27(1)-(3)
Exhibit 2	IL-316/317 Animal Mortality Facility/Composting Facility	IL505-27(4)-(6)
Exhibit 3	IL-360 Closure of Waste Impoundments	IL505-27(7)-(9)
Exhibit 4	IL-634/516/533 Manure Transfer/Pipeline/Pumping Plant	IL505-27(10)-(12)
Exhibit 5	IL-313 Waste Storage Structure	IL505-27(13)-(15)
Exhibit 6	IL-359 Waste Treatment Lagoon	IL505-27(16)-(18)

Instructions: NRCS employees should review the attached documents. Line officers at the field office level should ensure that producers employing private sector engineers (Technical Service Providers [TSP's] by definition) for design of one of the above 9 practices receive a copy of the Landowner Instructions for the practice(s) that specifically pertain. Landowner instructions should be mailed as soon as the field office becomes aware the landowners/applicant will employ a Technical Service Provider.

Filing Instructions:

Insert IL505-27(1) through IL505-27(18) after page 27 in Part 505 of the NEM.



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