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ILLINOIS ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK - NOTICE 40

Subject: National Engineering Handbook Part 650, Engineering Field Handbook

Purpose: To release guidelines for documentation to support IDNR-OWR permit applications for wetland berms in floodplains

Effective Date: Upon receipt.

Explanation:
Illinois NRCS and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Office of Water Resources (IDNR-OWR) developed a set of guidelines to facilitate the permit process for Statewide Permit #6 in December, 2002. This notice is to officially release the existing guidelines for the IDNR-OWR permit process for wetland berms in floodplains as supplements to the Engineering Field Handbook, IL13-36.1 and IL13-36.2.

Note that practices utilizing berms in floodplains may also be subject to dam safety permit regulations, depending on drainage area, dam height, and total storage volume of the planned impoundment.

The Illinois NRCS engineering website will be updated to include the new Illinois supplement at http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/engineer/EFH-SupNotes/EFH-suplmnts.html.

Filing Instructions:
All holders of Engineering Field Handbook binders should:

1. Print out the attached updated supplement on green paper and file in the EFH, after page 13-36.
2. Print out the attached table of contents and file at the beginning of the EFH, replacing the existing table of contents.

Any questions regarding this submittal should be directed to the Area Engineer.

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Attachments

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