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SUBJECT: ECS – DELEGATION OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY AS THE RESPONSIBLE  
FEDERAL OFFICIAL (RFO) AS IT PERTAINS TO COMPLETION OF  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION, FORM CPA-52

PURPOSE. To communicate signature authorities for the Environmental Evaluation, Form  
CPA-52.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2013

**Background:** The General Manual Title 190 – Ecological Sciences, Part 400 Compliance with  
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Part 410.4(K) states that the NRCS Chief is the RFO  
for compliance with NEPA regarding proposed legislation, programs, legislative reports,  
regulations, and program EIS's. NRCS State Conservationists (STC) or their designees are the  
RFO for compliance with the provisions of NEPA in other NRCS-assisted actions.

**Explanation:** A request will be sent to NHQ to include an Iowa supplement to the General  
Manual that allows the STC to designate the District Conservationists, Resource  
Conservationists, or Acting District Conservationist (as designated) as the RFO. Until NHQ  
accepts the Iowa supplement to the General Manual, this bulletin will constitute the  
designation.

The following will be submitted to NHQ as an Iowa supplement to the general manual:

*General Manual Title 190 – Ecological Services  
Part 400 Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)  
Part 410.4 – Definition of Terms*

IA410.4K

- (1) *The District Conservationist or Resource Conservationist (as designated by the  
ASTC-FO) is the Responsible Federal Official (RFO) as it pertains to completion of the  
Environmental Evaluation, Form CPA-52.*

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