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SUBJECT: ENG – GUIDANCE ON LATERAL EFFECT FOR MAINTENANCE OR
REPLACEMENT OF TILE LINES

PURPOSE. To notify all offices of guidance to be used until new Iowa Amendment is finalized.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2013

The attached Interim Guidance, Maintenance or Replacement of Subsurface Drains, addresses the issue of replacing clay or concrete tile near wetlands with appropriate size pipe and shall be used until a new Iowa Amendment to the National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM) is finalized. This Interim Guidance does not replace the need for appropriate scope and effect analysis.

Guidance on lateral effect analysis is presently contained in NFSAM Part 516, IA516.25 (Amendment IA11, January 1991).

However, Amendment IA11 is out of date and will be replaced in the near future. Other tools are available for scope and effect analysis of drainage systems. Please consult with your Area Engineer or Bruce Atherton, Agricultural Engineer, Ankeny, when scope and effect analysis of a drainage system affecting a wetland is required.

NFSAM Iowa Amendment 3, March 2009, containing IA516.12, Allowable Maintenance Actions, remains in effect.

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