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Subject: PGM – Forestry EQIP Waiver

Date: February 4, 2009

To: All VA NRCS District Conservationists

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I am granting a waiver of the restriction on establishing a practice prior to EQIP contract approval. This waiver applies only to the Tree Planting practice (Code # 612) scheduled for the 2009 planting season. I am granting this waiver because EQIP procedures and policies have been delayed and may interfere with timely tree planting schedules for 2009.

This waiver will be applied only to those who have completed a signed EQIP application prior to starting or implementing the Tree Planting practice. The tree planting covered by this waiver is for the 2009 late winter and early spring planting season. Granting of this waiver does not guarantee that a contract will be funded or approved or that funds will be available to cover the costs of tree planting. Landowners proceed at their own risk.

Field offices are directed to maintain a copy of this letter in the contract file where a waiver is needed and to forward a copy to affected applicants.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Bricker".

JOHN A. BRICKER
State Conservationist

