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SUBJECT: LTP–Guidance for Support of Conservation Activity Plans Funded Through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program

Purpose. To provide guidance to support implementation of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) during Fiscal Year (FY) 2012

Expiration Date. September 30, 2013

During FY 2012, the Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will make the following CAPs available. In addition, field offices **will not** rank any CAP applications. Applications will be approved as funding is available.

Practice Code	CAPs**
102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)
104	Nutrient Management Plan
114	Integrated Pest Management Plan
118	Irrigation Water Management Plan
122	Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP)–Headquarters
124	AgEMP–Landscape
134	Conservation Plan Supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dryland Farming***
138	Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition

** Practice Payment Name. The units for all CAPs are number (No.).

***Only for use in approved Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) project areas.

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EQIP CAP payments will only be made to producers for the development of plans by a certified technical service provider (TSP). The NRCS national TSP Web site (<http://techreg.usda.gov/>) contains TSP certification requirements for approved CAPs.

The following requirements must be met:

- No financial assistance payments are authorized for development of CAPS other than through the EQIP.
- Only certified TSPs may be used to provide services for development of CAPs. Under no circumstance shall an NRCS employee develop an EQIP funded CAP. Certification requirements for TSPs are available on the TSP Web site (<http://techreg.usda.gov/>).
- With the exception of CNMP CAPs, the use of technical assistance (TA) funds for TSP planning services for CAPs is prohibited. TA funds for TSP services may be used for development of CNMP plans and other authorized services (i.e., planning, practice design, implementation, and checkout services using 900-series activity codes).

EQIP Financial Assistance Support

Each approved CAP is supported by a single, stand-alone program contract with plan development scheduled during the first 12 calendar months after obligation. The expectation is that these agreements will be completed within the first year. Modification of CAP program contracts to reschedule and allow completion of the conservation plan beyond the first year is discouraged.

One CAP Per Land Unit Restriction

Eligible producers may submit applications for development of multiple CAPs; however, only one CAP contract is allowed to be developed on an eligible land unit (e.g., field) at one time. Contracting of multiple CAP contracts on the same land unit is **prohibited**.

NOTE: The practice lifespan for all CAPs is one year.

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