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SUBJECT: LTP–Fiscal Year 2013 Environmental Quality Incentives Program General Cutoff Date

Action required by: November 16, 2012

Purpose. To announce the fiscal year (FY) 2013 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) general application evaluation period cutoff date and to provide direction on announcing program availability

Expiration Date. September 30, 2013

The FY 2013 application evaluation period cutoff date for EQIP general financial assistance funds has been set for **November 16, 2012**. Applications for EQIP funds are to be accepted on a continuing basis; however, applications received after this date will be processed in the next evaluation period.

NOTE: Applications received by this date will be determined “eligible” or “ineligible” in Program Contracts System (ProTracts). Applications received after this date will be kept in “pending” status in ProTracts until a new cutoff date is announced.

The EQIP offers additional points in the ranking criteria for applicants who request conservation plans prior to August 31, 2012. Deferred applications from FY 2012 meet this requirement; therefore, these applications should receive the additional points.

Per Title 440-Conservation Programs Manual (CPM), Part 512, Section 512.27, all applications not funded in the previous funding period are to be set to “deferred.” This should occur **after** September 30, 2012. A deferral letter is available in ProTracts to be sent to the participant. Participants are given the option to continue with the application as is, modify the application, or cancel the application. Cancellations must be received in writing and designated as “cancelled” in ProTracts. Applications that participants wish to continue with should be “promoted” to the next FY.

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Dates for ProTracts entries, ranking, peer reviews, second level reviews, and obligations will be issued when the allocation distribution guidance is received from national headquarters.

If all funds are not utilized, a second application evaluation period cutoff date may be announced.

Designated conservationists shall announce FY 2013 program availability. News releases and advertisements are being developed and will be provided to field offices as soon as possible.

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