

# Water Quantity and Drought Pilot Instructions

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## SCREENING CRITERIA (Portion to be completed in the office)

- A. Does the structure meet conservation practice standards (CPS) 378, 402, 436, or 397? *(If No, then Low Screening Priority.)*
- Documentation must be provided by the applicant or already documented in the case files at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office.
  - Documents that will satisfy requirements are:
    - Letter from NRCS/Soil Conservation Service (SCS) indicating that the installed practice meets the NRCS CPS
    - Checkout on a field sheet
    - Construction field sheet or drawings completed by NRCS/SCS
    - Design calculations completed by NRCS/SCS
    - Construction drawings completed by a professional engineer (PE)
    - Letter from a PE indicating the structure meets NRCS CPS
    - Division of Water Resources (DWR) permit with structure data
- B. Does the structure meet the minimum size (1 acre-foot)? *(If No, then Low Screening Priority.)*
- This is an “as constructed” volume
  - Calculated from the auxiliary spillway crest
  - 1 acre-foot equals 1,613 cubic yards

**If criteria A and B are met, proceed to Field Visit.**

## FIELD VISIT

- C. Complete Hazardous or Contaminated Sediments Checklist (Attachment 5) and Form NRCS-CPA-52, Environmental Evaluation Worksheet.
- For the Hazardous or Contaminated Sediments Checklist, the area of interest is within the drainage area of the structure.
  - On-site items shall have documentation to verify it does not pose a threat.
    - For example, above ground storage tanks onsite (note location and that the tanks are surrounded by a containment dike).
  - If no potential for hazardous or contaminated sediments are identified, continue to D.
- D. Utilize Water Quantity and Drought Pilot—Quantity Calculations Sheet.  
[Obtain - Water Quantity and Drought Pilot - Quantity Calculation Worksheet](#)
- Verify structure condition.
    - Embankment Condition
      - No excessive erosion
      - No trees on the embankment
    - Principal Spillway Condition
      - Riser and/or pipe are in satisfactory condition
      - Not pitted or corrosive
    - Auxiliary Spillway Condition
      - Auxiliary spillway is satisfactory condition
      - Does not have erosion or gullies

**If criteria C and D are met, proceed to E. Determination of the quantities for removal of sediment.**

- E. Determination of the quantities for removal of sediment.
- Sediment removal will follow Interim CPS 758, Structure Sediment Removal.
  - Calculate the area for sediment removal.
  - Utilize handheld Global Positioning System (GPS).
    - GPS units
    - Boundary would be the permanent water line
    - Areas where no sediment will be removed should be obtained also
  - Determine the depth of sediment.
    - Use best tools available
    - Use your best judgment for determining sediment depth by augers or probes
    - Ideally a minimum of 3 depths will be used to determine a depth of sediment
      - Take a GPS location for each location
  - Establish a Temporary Benchmark (TBM).
  - Take a minimum of one elevation shot at a location where the sediment depth is determined.
    - Use field survey notes to document both
  - Determine location of spoil placement.
    - GPS the area
    - Spoil placement will follow CPS 572, Soil Spreading
    - Pushing over the top of the embankment is not an acceptable spoil placement location
  - Payment will be based on the design quantity.

#### DEVELOP CONSERVATION PLAN AND RANK APPLICATION

#### CONTRACT IMPLEMENTATION

- Recommended to utilize Form KS-ENG-10, Job Sheet.
- Document sediment removal area and spoil disposal location.
- Excavation near the front slope should extend down on approximately the same slope.
- Utilize GPS Shape files for preparing map.
  - Consider making this a separate sheet rather than making fit in small area on Form KS-ENG-10.
- Certification of CPS 758.
  - Obtain rod reading at the location where sediment depth was estimated
  - Ensure sediment removal depth was obtained
  - Visual inspection of the entire area
- Certification of other CPS by current established procedures.