

Subject:

ECS- DELEGATION OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY AS THE RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL OFFICIAL (RFO) AS IT PERTAINS TO COMPLETION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION, FORM NRCSCPA-052.

Purpose:

To communicate signature authorities for the Environmental Evaluation, Form CPA-52

Expiration Date: September 30, 2013

Background:

The General Manual Title 190- Ecological Sciences, Pmt400 Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Part 410.4(K) states that the NRCS Chief is the RFO for compliance with NEPA regarding proposed legislation, programs, legislative repayments, regulations, and program EIS's. NRCS State Conservationists (STC) or their designees are the RFO for compliance with the provisions of NEPA in other NRCS-assisted actions.

Explanation:

A request has been sent to NHQ to include a New Hampshire supplement to the General Manual that allows the STC to designate District Conservationists, Acting District Conservationists (as designated), as well as selected positions on the Engineering and Programs-Easements Staff as the RFO for NRCS Programs. Until NHQ accepts the New Hampshire supplement to the General Manual, this bulletin will constitute the designation.

The following has been submitted to NHQ as the New Hampshire supplement to the general manual:

*General Manual Title 190- Ecological Services
Part 400 Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
Part 410.4 -Definition of Terms*

NH410.4K

(1) The Responsible Federal Official's (RFO's) as it pertains to completion of the Environmental Evaluation, Form CPA-52 are as follows:

Financial Assistance Programs and CTA – County District Conservationists (or Acting DC)

Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) – Ed Hansalik and Jeff Tenley

Easement Programs, including associated conservation and restoration plans – Susan Knight

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.P. Ellsmore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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State Conservationist – New Hampshire

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