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SUBJECT: LTP - Open Obligations for Farm Bill Program Contracts

Purpose. Provide directions in handling open obligations for Farm Bill program contracts and agreements

Expiration Date. January 18, 2009

ACTION REQUIRED BY

November 21, 2008 - action on practices schedule in 2007 or earlier
December 24, 2008 - action on practices scheduled in 2008

Open obligations for Farm Bill program contracts and agreements are defined as those items that are scheduled in the current or previous year which have not been completed and paid. **No open obligations for practices scheduled in 2008 or earlier will be permitted to be carried past December 31, 2008.** This includes all programs in Protracts (EQIP, WHIP and CSP) as well as WRP cost-share agreements and FRPP cooperative agreements.

All necessary payments, contract reviews, CPA-13's, LTP-153's and corresponding contract or agreement modifications for all practices scheduled in 2007 and earlier will be completed by November 21, 2008. For 2008 scheduled practices the deadline is December 24, 2008.

The contract review process provided in CPM 440 Part 512.55 will be adhered to in the completion of the contract reviews. The LTP-153 will be used for all cases where practice completion is not on schedule or other provisions of the contract are not being followed. Unless special circumstances exist, practice implementation dates should not be rescheduled for more than one year. If a practice remains incomplete after the additional year, contract termination should be pursued. The only exception to this will be cases where practice completion is delayed for reasons that are **entirely** beyond the control of the participant. This situation can be documented on the CPA-13, but practices must still be rescheduled for a future year

All contract modifications will follow the process and policies provided in CPM 440 Part 512.50. Contract terminations will follow policy at CPM 440 Part 512.70 and requests for termination or cancelation will be forwarded to the State Conservationist on the appropriate request form (attached).

Area Program Liaisons are available to provide assistance to the Area Conservationists and District Conservationists to identify contracts and practices that must be addressed.

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Attachment