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**NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK (NEH) FILING SYSTEM (PARTS 600 THROUGH 659)
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AMENDMENT MT1**

SUBJECT: ENG--IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK FILING SYSTEM IN MONTANA. DISTRIBUTION OF SIX SETS OF BINDERS, BINDER COVER SHEETS AND SPINES. DISTRIBUTION OF PARTS/CHAPTERS, INDEX TABS, AND TABULATION SHEETS FOR SIX SETS OF BINDERS. DISTRIBUTION OF PART 650, CHAPTER 19, "HYDROLOGY TOOLS FOR WETLAND DETERMINATION"; PART 628, CHAPTER 50, "EARTH SPILLWAY DESIGN"; PART 630, CHAPTER 1, "INTRODUCTION," PART 630, CHAPTER 5, "STREAMFLOW DATA," PART 628, CHAPTER 52, "FIELD PROCEDURES GUIDE FOR THE HEADCUT ERODIBILITY INDEX," PART 628, CHAPTER 51, "EARTH SPILLWAY EROSION MODEL" AND PART 623, IRRIGATION, CHAPTER 9, "WATER MEASUREMENT" [HARD BOUND BOOK FOR ENGINEERS ONLY].

Purpose. To implement the new National Engineering Handbook filing system for Montana and to distribute seven parts for that filing system.

Effective Date. When filed.

Explanation of Changes. Approximately five years ago the national office decided to change the directives system for the engineering references. Montana felt it was not necessary at that time to implement the new system since we did not have enough materials in the new format to file. We incorporated them into the existing engineering manuals and handbooks, but now have found some of the reference difficult to file and retrieve.

Filing Instructions. File the binders, Parts 600/609--General, Parts 610/619--Management, Parts 620/629--Application, Parts 630/639--Technology, Parts 640-649--Support Operations, and Parts 650/659--Field Office Handbooks, next to the engineering materials within your office. Each engineer will receive Part 623, Irrigation, Chapter 9, which is a \$30 hard cover Water Measurement Manual. Montana did not receive extra copies of this Part, so please be cognizant of the book's location.

Also enclosed is a reference copy of Page MT545-8(2) dated September 1997 from the National Engineering Manual that outlines the previously transmitted National Engineering Handbook Parts/Chapters. Please remove those listed materials from wherever you have filed them and transfer them into the new books.

You will soon receive a letter from NHQ that will instruct you on what materials to discard from the old engineering directives system. Unless otherwise instructed, keep the old materials in their respective binders. At this time only discard from the old directives system National Engineering Handbook, Section 15, Irrigation, Chapter 9, "Measurement of Irrigation Water" dated February 1962.

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