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**NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK (NEH) FILING SYSTEM (PARTS 600/659)
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AMENDMENT MT26**

SUBJECT: ENG--DISTRIBUTION OF MONTANA AMENDMENT 26 TO THE NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK (NEH), PART 651, AGRICULTURAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FIELD HANDBOOK, CHAPTER 1, RULES AND REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, AND MONTANA TABULATION SHEETS

Purpose. To revise and update Montana State Laws and Regulations for Agricultural Wastes.

Effective Date. This amendment is effective upon receipt.

Explanation of Material. These revised and new materials are being distributed to provide information on State laws. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has assisted NRCS with revising the Montana Rules and Regulations (MT651.0103). They have also provided three Fact Sheets, which are: Exhibit (A) General Water Quality Fact Sheet for Animal Feeding Operations; Exhibit (B) Summary of Regulations for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations; and Exhibit (C) General Permit Fact Sheet for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. Exhibit D provides questions and answers about ag waste rules and regulations. Exhibit E is the present criteria for determining a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation as stated in the Federal Register as 40 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 122.

Filing Instructions. In the National Engineering Handbook (NEH), Part 600/609, General, replace and insert the updated Montana Tabulation Sheet and after that insert the Montana Amendment 26 transmittal letter. In the National Engineering Handbook (NEH), Part 651, Agricultural Waste Management Handbook, replace and insert the green updated Montana tabulation sheet. After Chapter 1, remove and discard Pages MT1-6(1) and MT1-6(2), Amend. MT4 dated January 1993 and Page MT1-6(3), Amend. MT5 dated September 1994. Insert in Chapter 1, after National Page 1-6, Pages MT1-6(1) through MT1-6(4) and Exhibits A through E, Pages MT1-6(4)(EX-1) through MT1-6(4)(EX-27), Amend. MT26 dated April 2003.

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