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**NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK (NEH) FILING SYSTEM (PARTS 600 THROUGH 659)  
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AMENDMENT MT19**

**SUBJECT:** ENG--DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK (NEH), PART 650, FIELD OFFICE HANDBOOKS, CHAPTER 14, "WATER MANAGEMENT (DRAINAGE)"; INDEX TAB; ALONG WITH THE NATIONAL AND MONTANA TABULATION SHEETS

**Purpose.** To distribute National Engineering Handbook (NEH), Part 650, Field Office Handbooks, Chapter 14, "Water Management (Drainage)"; index tab; and tabulation sheets for Parts 600/609--General and Parts 650/659--Field Office Handbooks.

**Effective Date.** This amendment is effective upon receipt.

**Explanation of Material.** Although much of this document has not changed, revisions and additions can be found throughout. Some of the more pertinent changes address:

- impacts of drainage on water quality
- impacts on adjacent wetlands
- other environmental considerations
- water table management techniques such as water table control
- various subjects covered in the added appendices.

**Filing Instructions.** Remove and discard in the Engineering Field Handbook (formerly the Manual), Chapter 14, pages 14-1 through 14-111, dated July 1984 (last known revision).

In the National Engineering Handbook (NEH), Part 600/609, General, insert Montana Amendment 19 transmittal letter and replace and insert the updated Montana tabulation sheet. In the National Engineering Handbook (NEH), Part 650/659--Field Office Handbooks, replace and insert the updated National tabulation sheet. Insert the index tab titled Part 650, Ch. 14, Water Management (Drainage) and the National transmittal material after Part 650, Ch. 13, Wetland Restoration, Enhancement, or Creations. Please contact ReNae Grantier at (406) 587-6822 if you have any questions or concerns.

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