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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 210-13-07

SUBJECT: ENG – Rescind Pre-Approval for NORWESCO Polyethylene Tanks

TO: All Employees

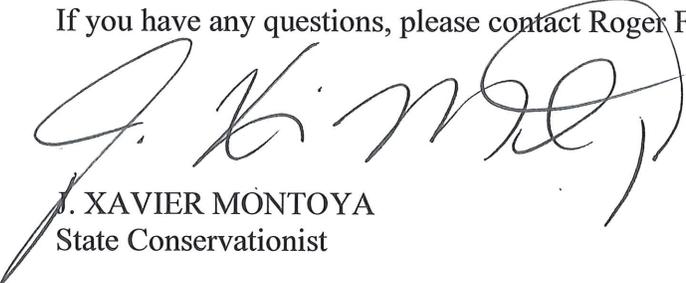
Purpose: Notification that NORWESCO Polyethylene Tanks are not approved for Practice Standard 614

Expiration Date: September 30, 2013

Documentation from NORWESCO has been reviewed (see attachments) for their polyethylene tanks. The company states that their tanks do not meet all requirements of ASTM 1998. Their tanks are designed for liquids having a specific gravity of 1.0, which means that the tanks are 10 percent under-designed. Also, the tanks are not filled and tested for cold impact. This makes the tanks undesirable in high-mountain, cold locations. Most of the NRCS assisted watering facility tanks are located in cold, high mountain terrain.

If one of your producers has installed one of these tanks and we have certified or paid for it, it is suggested that during Step 9—follow-up—you should advise them of this recent finding. NRCS could revise O&M Plan to require special care to avoid sudden impacts to the tank walls and top, especially during cold weather. It would also be prudent to fence these tanks to keep livestock and other sources of sudden impacts from accessing the tank.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Ford at 505-761-4430.



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Attachments