

# Effects of NRCS Conservation Practices - National

## Dike

A barrier constructed of earth or manufactured materials

Code: 356

Units: ft.

Typical Landuse:

AL-Aso Land  
 O-Other  
 W-Water  
 D-Developed  
 FS-Farmstead  
 Pr-Protected  
 P-Pasture  
 R-Range  
 F-Forest  
 C-Crop  
 C F R P Pr FS D W O AL

<u>Soil Erosion</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Soil Erosion - Sheet and Rill Erosion	0	Not Applicable
Soil Erosion - Wind Erosion	0	Not Applicable
Soil Erosion - Ephemeral Gully Erosion	0	Not Applicable
Soil Erosion - Classic Gully Erosion	1	Reduces overland flow
Soil Erosion - Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance C	-2	Causes higher water depths and velocities.
<u>Soil Quality Degradation</u>		
Organic Matter Depletion	0	Not Applicable
Compaction	0	Not Applicable
Subsidence	0	Not Applicable
Concentration of Salts or Other Chemicals	0	Not Applicable
<u>Excess Water</u>		
Excess Water - Seeps	-1	Seepage may increase due to temporary storage behind the dikes.
Excess Water - Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding	2	Water is kept within the channel and prevents flooding.
Excess Water - Seasonal High Water Table	-1	Seepage may increase due to temporary storage behind the dikes.
Excess Water - Drifted Snow	0	Not Applicable
<u>Insufficient Water</u>		
Insufficient Water - Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water	0	Not Applicable
Insufficient Water - Inefficient Moisture Management	0	Not Applicable
<u>Water Quality Degradation</u>		
Pesticides in Surface Water	2	The action excludes surface water from the pesticide application site.
Pesticides in Groundwater	2	The action excludes surface water from the pesticide application site.
Nutrients in Surface water	0	Not Applicable
Nutrients in Groundwater	0	Not Applicable
Salts in Surface Water	0	Not Applicable
Salts in Groundwater	0	Not Applicable
Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solic	0	Not Applicable
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Excessive Sediment in Surface Water	0	If a dike is constructed to hold water, suspended sediment and turbidity decreases; if dike is constructed as flood control measure, suspended sediment and turbidity will increase because of erosive effect of flowing, channelized water.
Elevated Water Temperature	0	Surface water temperature is dependent on site conditions and location of dike.
Petroleum, Heavy Metals and Other Pollutants Transport	0	Not Applicable
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<u>Air Quality Impacts</u>		
Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors	0	Not Applicable
Emissions of Ozone Precursors	0	Not Applicable
Emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)	0	Not Applicable
Objectionable Odors	0	Not Applicable
<u>Degraded Plant Condition</u>		
Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	0	Not Applicable
Inadequate Structure and Composition	0	Not Applicable
Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	0	Not Applicable
Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	0	Not Applicable
<u>Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat</u>		
Inadequate Habitat - Food	-2	Restricting floodplains eliminates refuge habitat for stream and river-dwelling wildlife species.
Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	-2	Restricting floodplains eliminates refuge habitat for stream and river-dwelling wildlife species.
Inadequate Habitat - Water	0	Dikes will retain water benefiting some species, however if placed in floodplains aquatic habitats will be fragmented.
Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	1	Dikes will retain water benefiting some species, however if placed in floodplains aquatic habitats will be fragmented.
<u>Livestock Production Limitation</u>		
Inadequate Feed and Forage	0	Not Applicable
Inadequate Shelter	0	Not Applicable
Inadequate Water	0	Not Applicable
<u>Inefficient Energy Use</u>		
Equipment and Facilities	0	Not Applicable
Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations	0	Not Applicable

<b>CPPE Practice Effects:</b>	0 No Effect
5 Substantial Improvement	-1 Slight Worsening
4 Moderate to Substantial Improvement	-2 Slight to Moderate Worsening
3 Moderate Improvement	-3 Moderate Worsening
2 Slight to Moderate Improvement	-4 Moderate to Substantial Worsening
1 Slight Improvement	-5 Substantial Worsening