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TO: All NRCS Employees

A new Hispanic Special Emphasis Program Manager and a new American Indian/Alaska Native Special Emphasis Program Manager have been selected. Please congratulate Rafael Vega, Soil Conservationist in South Bend, as our new Hispanic SEPM. Please also congratulate Kelley Barkell, Soil Conservationist in Huntington, as our new American Indian/Alaska Native SEPM. In these roles, Rafael and Kelley will also be members of the Civil Rights Committee. This position is effective immediately through October 1, 2010.

I appreciate Rafael and Kelley's willingness to serve in these capacities, and look forward to their support in carrying out NRCS' role in civil rights and diversity.

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