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TO: All NRCS Employees

We now find ourselves into the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 and we are awaiting the arrival of a new Farm Bill. As the Legislature continues to work on this important bill, we will continue to move forward as directed by our NRCS Headquarters. This past week all states were notified of their 2008 budget allocation. You will find listed below field priorities the Indiana NRCS Leadership Team has assembled to help us best utilize the allocation.

The current legal authority for NRCS to work on CRP, WHIP, WRP, and EQIP-GSWC expires March 15. Therefore, we must direct the majority of our time and efforts to servicing these programs. All employees must be engaged in accomplishing these priority activities over the next month. If you are under pressures to complete work other than listed in these priorities, please consult with your Area Conservationist or other appropriate Leadership Team member.

Field Priorities for February through March 15, 2008

1. Obligate WHIP, WRP, EQIP, and EQIP-GSWC funds into 2008 contracts within established timeframes.
2. Continue to service FY 2008 Continuous CRP and CREP applications and contracts.
3. Service active EQIP, CRP, WHIP, CSP and WRP contracts.
 - a) Work to ensure all practices scheduled for 2008 are installed.
4. Report progress in PRS and Points (RC&D).
5. Continue to accept applications for all programs.
6. Service funded GRP, CREP, LARE and 319 practices scheduled for FY 2008 installation.

When we stay focused, we better position our clients to take advantage of all the conservation opportunities that are available. New guidance will be issued if action is taken by the Legislature before March 15.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to helping people help the land in Indiana.

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