



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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INDIANA BULLETIN NO. IN180-5-2

SUBJECT: CPA – Wetland Policy

Purpose: To notify employees that NRCS has withdrawn from the 1994 Wetland Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and to provide revised wetland policy.

Expiration Date: September 31, 2005.

USDA has officially withdrawn from the 1994 Interagency (MOA) in regards to wetland policy. NRCS will no longer perform wetland determinations for purposes other than the implementation of the swampbuster provisions of the Food Security Act. This bulletin supersedes all previous guidance concerning procedures for completing wetland determinations, mitigation and minimal effect including; Indiana Bulletin 190-5-1, ECS-Wetland Policy, Minimal Effect & Mitigation, dated 12/9/04.

To implement these new procedures I have attached the following revised policy documents:

- ◆ Indiana NRCS Wetland Determination Policy
- ◆ Indiana NRCS Wetland Minimal Effect and Mitigation Policy
- ◆ Procedure for Wetland Minimal Effect Exemptions, Indiana

For your information, I have attached the following policy documents that have not changed:

- ◆ Mitigation Easement Process Flowchart
- ◆ ECS, Guidance for Farmed Wetland Determinations

If you have any questions concerning wetland policy contact Dwayne Howard, ASTC, Programs (317) 290-3200, ext. 386. Technical questions concerning wetland determinations, minimal effect, and mitigation should be discussed with Ken Collins, Forester/Botanist (317) 290-3200, ext. 356.

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