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INDIANA BULLETIN NO. IN 210-7-1

SUBJECT: ENG - Review of PL-566 Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreements

Purpose: Reminder of O&M Agreement Review, Annual Inspections, and Inspection Reports

Expiration Date: September 30, 2007

Review of O & M Agreement - The O&M Agreement shall be reviewed by the Sponsor and the NRCS District Conservationist once every 5 years per **National O&M Manual May 2003 – Subpart C - O&M Agreement - 500.20**. Some O&M Agreements may need to be amended to include all necessary information as outlined in **Subpart C – O&M Agreement - 500.21**. The National O&M Manual can be found at the following web link:

http://www.info.usda.gov/scripts/lpsiis.dll/M/M_180_500.htm

Additional background and explanation of the O&M agreements can be found in National Bulletin 250-7-6 which is provided as an attachment.

Annual Inspections – The O&M agreement only requires that NRCS (the Service) be involved in annual inspections during the establishment period, which is within the first 3 years after initial construction or installation. It is the responsibility of the Sponsor to perform the annual inspections after the establishment period. The District Conservationist or local NRCS staff should participate in these inspections as workload allows.

Inspection Reports – It is the responsibility of the Sponsor to prepare a written report of the annual inspection. Copies of the annual inspection reports shall be provided to NRCS. A copy of the inspection report shall be forwarded to the NRCS State Office.

If you have any questions regarding this guidance or need assistance, please contact Chris Ritz, Civil Engineer at (317) 290-3200, ext. 363 or Mike Cox, State Conservation Engineer at ext. 353.

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Attachment