

For: State Offices and Service Centers

**Updating EC7, Other Emergency Conservation Measures, Policy**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Notice ECP-35 provided responses to streamlining suggestions about the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). One of the suggestions was to remove the silt removal practice (EC7) from approved ECP drought practices except in cases where there was an immediate source of water.

**B Purpose**

This notice updates policy for practice EC7, Other Emergency Conservation Measures.

**2 New Policy**

**A Change in Silt Removal Policy**

Silt removal of water impoundment structures which have dried up because of drought does not provide immediate relief for livestock. ECP practices EC6, Drought Emergency Measures, and EC7, Other Emergency Conservation Measures – Hauling Water, provide the relief necessary to sustain livestock during times of drought.

Effective immediately, ECP Practice EC7, Other Emergency Conservation Measures – Silt Removal, is no longer an eligible ECP practice except in cases where there is an immediate source of water. COC’s shall not approve any requests for ECP Practice EC7, Other Emergency Conservation Measures – Silt Removal, except in cases where there is an immediate source of water after receiving this notice.

**B Practices Currently Approved**

Currently approved EC7 practices shall be completed as quickly as possible.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
January 1, 2007	State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers

## Notice ECP-36

### 3 Action

#### A State Office and Service Center Action

State Offices with an approved EC7 practice for removing silt from water impoundment reservoirs shall:

- amend their EC7 practice write-up to reflect this change in policy
- send the amended EC7 practice write-up for review to CEPD, Attn: ECP Program Manager by FAX at 202-720-4619.