

For: State Offices

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). Notice ECP-36 implemented 1 of the suggestions 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, by making it no longer eligible as of December 31, 2006
- obsoletes Notice ECP-36.

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 December 31, 2006, 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 December 31, 2006.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2007	State Offices

Notice ECP-37

3 Action

A State Office 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 effective December 31, 2006
- send the amended EC7 practice write-up for review to CEPD, Attn: ECP Program Manager by FAX at 202-720-4619.