

For: State and County Offices

**Returning ECP Funds**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

According to 1-ECP, subparagraph:

- 1 A, ECP is established to rehabilitate farmlands and conservation facilities damaged by natural disasters and to provide assistance during periods of severe drought
- 1 C, ECP assistance is limited to producers who have suffered damage of such magnitude that it would be too costly to rehabilitate without Federal assistance
- 67 B, ECP funds **shall be returned** to CEPD as soon as it is determined that funds are no longer needed for the disaster for which funds were originally allocated
- 152 A, signup periods for ECP benefits may be no longer than **60 calendar days** unless approved by the National Office
- 182 A, requires realistic expiration dates for completing approved ECP practices of no more than **6 months**
- 184 A, AD-245 shall be canceled when completing the practices and the performance report is **not** filed by the expiration date.

There is an extensive demand for limited ECP funds because of tornadoes, persistent severe drought conditions, floods, ice storms, and other disasters.

**B Purpose**

This notice requires State Offices to:

- perform a review of all ECP ledgers
- return all unneeded, unused, slipped, and deobligated funds to the National Office.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
April 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## Notice ECP-56

### 2 State Office Action

#### A Reviewing All ECP Ledgers With County Offices

State Offices shall:

- review all ECP ledgers with County Offices
- review monthly ACP-305's to identify County Offices with possible ECP funds available for return to the National Office
- accelerate the following:
  - signup periods
  - completing approved practices, where appropriate.

#### B Reporting Review Results

State Offices shall:

- report the necessary information on Exhibit 1 in the provided format
- complete Exhibit 1 and FAX to Mike Linsenbigler, Acting Director, CEPD, Attn: Greg Edwards at 202-720-5784 by **COB, Friday, March 13, 2009**.

**A negative report is required.** If a State Office has recently returned funds to the National Office, on Exhibit 1 indicate that funds have been returned and submit a negative report.

**State Office Reporting Format**

State Offices shall complete the following and FAX to Mike Linsenbigler, Acting Director, CEPD, Attn: Greg Edwards at 202-720-5784 by **COB March 13, 2009**.

**Note: A negative report is required.**

<b>Emergency Conservation Program Report of Underutilized Funds</b>	
State Office: _____	
Total amount of funds to be returned to the National Office: \$_____.	
ECP Account	Amount Returned
Regular ECP-Flood Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Flood Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Drought Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Drought Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Other Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Other Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Tornado Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Tornado Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Hurricane Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Hurricane Technical Assistance	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Cost Share	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Technical Assistance	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Poultry Cost Share	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Poultry Technical Assistance	
ECP Adjusted Gross Income Cost Share	
ECP Adjusted Gross Income Technical Assistance	
Submitted by: _____, SED                      Date: _____	