

For: State and County Offices

Returning ECP Funds

Approved by: 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
- subparagraph 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
- subparagraph 67 B, ECP funds **shall be returned** to CEPD as soon as it is determined that funds are no longer needed for the disaster in which funds were originally allocated
- subparagraph 152 A, signup periods for ECP benefits may be no longer than **60 calendar days** unless approved by the National Office
- subparagraph 182 A, requires realistic expiration dates for completing approved ECP practices of no more than **6 months**
- subparagraph 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 on limited ECP funds because of tornadoes, persistent severe drought conditions, floods, ice storms, and other disasters.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2009 6-9-09	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 Overview (Continued)

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.

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 the Emergency Conservation Program Report of Underutilized Funds (Exhibit 1) and FAX to Mike Linsenbigler, Acting Director, CEPD, Attn: Greg Edwards, at 202-720-4619 by **COB Tuesday, June 30, 2009**.

Exhibit 1 may also be completed on the State and County Office CEPD Information Center located at <http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepdsto.htm>. After accessing the web site, users shall:

- CLICK "Conservation Programs Ledger Management", item 11
- CLICK "ECP Funds Return Form"
- complete the Emergency Conservation Program Report of Underutilized Funds and CLICK "Submit" for the form to be automatically sent to Gregory Edwards.

If a State has no funds available to return to the National Office, then a negative report **must** be submitted.

State Office Reporting Format

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Note: A negative report is required.

Emergency Conservation Program Report of Underutilized Funds	
1 State Office: _____	
2 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: _____	