

For: State and County Offices

**Removing Required Categorical Exclusion (CATEX)
Statement From Producer's or Project Case File**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Removing Required CATEX Statement

A Background

Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1500.4(p)) indicates that, "Agencies shall reduce excessive paperwork by: Using categorical exclusions to define categories of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which are therefore exempt from requirements to prepare an environmental impact statement."

1-EQ requires that the following statement be placed in each producer's or project case file for those CATEX actions listed under 1-EQ, subparagraph 202 B:

"This action was reviewed in accordance with 1-EQ, paragraph 202 B and determined that the proposed action will have minimal effect on environmental quality with **no** potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental evaluation or environmental assessment is **not** required."

Upon further review, it has been determined that CATEX actions do **not** need to be filed in each producer's or project case file for that CATEX action to be effective.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that the statement in subparagraph A **does not need** to be placed within the producer's or project case file.

C Contact Information

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Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2008	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices