

**For:** ME, NH, NY, and VT State and County Offices,  
State Foresters, and Service Foresters

**Obligating Remaining SIP-ICE Funds**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

In 1998, a supplemental appropriation was designated for Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont due to severe ice storm damage that had occurred in these States. Policy and procedures for SIP-ICE, as the supplemental appropriation became known, was established in Notice SIP-23.

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**Purpose**

Some States continue to have unobligated SIP-ICE funds. This notice provides procedures for FSA and State Forestry Office employees to obligate any remaining SIP-ICE funds by March 30, 2001.

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**Contact**

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the applicable State Office
- FSA State Offices shall contact Ilka Gray, CEPD, at 202-690-0794
- FS or State Forestry Offices shall contact regional FS offices
- Regional FS offices shall contact Susan Stein, FS, at 202-205-0837.

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>April 1, 2002</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>Above State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, State Forestry, and NRCS State Offices; FS, 5; CSREES, 5</p>
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## Notice SIP-33

### 2 Obligating the Remaining Funds

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#### Obligating Funds

Each State that has remaining unobligated SIP-ICE funds shall ensure SIP-ICE funds are obligated, if possible, no later than March 30, 2001. Any remaining unobligated SIP-ICE funds as of that date shall be returned to the National Office.

**Note:** No additional SIP-ICE signup periods are authorized.

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#### B

#### Processing Applications

By COB April 20, 2001, State Foresters, in consultation with FSA, shall report any unobligated funds that are available for release according to subparagraph 3 C.

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#### C

#### Completing SIP-ICE Practices

According to established SIP procedure, all SIP-ICE applicants have up to 18 months to complete practices. Therefore, all SIP-ICE applications must have final performance reported no later than COB September 30, 2002. Failure to complete SIP-ICE practices by that date will result in cancellation of the application.

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#### Handling Appeals

Appeals shall be handled by the State Forester according to established procedure.

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### 3 Action

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#### A

#### State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- immediately provide a copy of this notice to the County Offices listed in Exhibit 1 and FS State Offices or applicable State Forestry Offices
- by COB April 20, 2001, determine, in consultation with the State Forester, the amount of SIP-ICE funds available for release

**Note:** State Foresters will report as directed according to subparagraph C.

- **not** take action to remove funds from ledgers until SIP-357 is received in the State Office.
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### 3 Action (Continued)

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#### B

##### County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- consult with the Service Forester to determine whether there are any pending SIP-ICE applications for which funds are needed
  - report to the State Office by COB April 4, 2001, the amount of unobligated SIP-ICE funds to be returned to the State level
  - **not** take action to remove funds on ledgers until notified to do so by the State Office.
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##### State Forester Action

State Foresters shall:

- in consultation with the FSA State Office, report by COB April 20, 2001, the SIP-ICE funds, fund code 20, available for release
  - FAX amounts to Susan Lacy, Northeastern FS Office, at 610-557-4177.
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#### D

##### Service Forester Action

Service Foresters shall:

- consult with the County Office to determine whether there are any pending SIP-ICE applications for which funds are needed
- consult with the County Office by COB April 4, 2001, to determine the amount of unobligated SIP-ICE funds to be returned to the State level
- ensure any pending SIP-ICE applications have funds obligated by COB March 30, 2001

**Note:** According to established SIP procedure, all SIP-ICE applicants have up to 18 months to complete practices. Therefore, all SIP-ICE applications must have final performance reported no later than COB September 30, 2002. Failure to complete SIP-ICE practices by that date will result in cancellation of the application.

- continue to administer SIP-ICE applications according to established procedure.
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**State and County Offices Authorized SIP-ICE Allocations**

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The following is a list of State and County Offices that were authorized SIP-ICE allocations.

<b>Maine:</b>	Androscoggin, Aroostook (southern district only), Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo, Washington, and York.
<b>New Hampshire:</b>	Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Strafford, and Sullivan.
<b>New York:</b>	Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence.
<b>Vermont:</b>	Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor.

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