

For: KY, NV, and NM State and County Offices, State Foresters, and Service Foresters

Discontinuing Accepting SIP-PEST Fund Code 22 Requests

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Accepting SIP-PEST Fund Code 22 Requests

A Background

Notice SIP-40 authorized certain State and County Offices to hold signup periods for SIP-PEST funds, fund code 22. All SIP-PEST applications must have final performance reported by the participant no later than June 30, 2004.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices and State and Service Foresters to discontinue accepting requests for SIP-PEST fund code 22 as of **January 30, 2004**.

C Action

State Offices shall inform County Offices and State Foresters should inform Service Foresters that, after January 30, 2004, requests for SIP-PEST fund code 22 assistance will no longer be accepted. Also, failure to complete approved SIP-PEST practices by **June 30, 2004**, will result in cancellation of the application(s).

D 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 202-720-5784
- FS or State Forestry Offices should contact Regional FS Offices
- Regional FS Offices should contact Hal Brockman, FS at 202-205-1694.

Disposal Date January 1, 2005	Distribution KY, NV, and NM State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and State Forestry
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2 SIP-PEST Fund Code 22 Management

A Returning Unobligated or Deobligated SIP-PEST Funds

By COB February 13, 2004, State Foresters, in consultation with FSA, shall report any unobligated funds that are available for release according to subparagraph 3 C.

B Using Fund for Errors, Omissions, or Appeals

Using remaining unobligated SIP-PEST fund code 22 funds for any approved producer appeals, errors, or omissions may **only occur after approval is received** from the FS National Office through the State Forester.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- review this notice with STC and DD's
- ensure that all County Offices receive a copy of this notice.

B State Forester Action

State Foresters shall:

- ensure that all Service Foresters are aware of the provisions of this notice
- in consultation with the FSA State Office, report by COB February 13, 2004, the SIP-PEST funds, fund code 22, available for release
- FAX amounts to Hal Brockman, National FS Office, at 202-205-1271.

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3 Action (Continued)

C County Office Action

County Offices shall advise:

- COC of the policy in this notice
- producers, by all available means, that SIP-PEST fund code 22 requests will **no longer** be accepted after January 30, 2004.

All SIP-PEST applications must have final performance reported by the participant no later than June 30, 2004.

Failure to complete SIP-PEST practices by June 30, 2004, will result in cancellation of the applications.

D Service Forester Action

Service Foresters should advise producers, by all available means, that SIP-PEST fund code 22 requests will no longer be accepted after January 30, 2004.