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### MEMORANDUM

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DATE: January 8, 2016

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:  Colleen Meredith, Director  
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Nutrient Management Plan Requirement for N312 Animal Waste Facilities

The N312 Beef Waste Management practice is becoming a widely used practice. As districts have been working with landowners and developing contracts for the practice for the first time, questions have arisen regarding the requirements for a nutrient management plan. District staff have been inquiring about the Soil and Water Districts Commission's policy for a nutrient management plan. The N312 policy states that "all nutrients applied must be in accordance to the Nutrient Management (590) standard," which program staff did not interpret as requiring a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP).

Recently program staff met with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) management to discuss nutrient management plan requirements for the N312 practices. The NRCS state office has the requirement in their General Manual that if NRCS staff provide technical assistance for a waste storage facility, a CNMP must be developed. Furthermore in the manual, a producer is required to sign the CNMP before the installation of any waste storage facility.

Based on the meeting with NRCS staff and clarifying their planning requirements, the program's understanding of what is required for a nutrient management plan for the N312 has changed. NRCS assistance and partnership in our program is essential for success. Therefore, effective immediately, prior to developing a contract for an N312 practice, the landowner must have a signed CNMP.

On January 13, 2016, NRCS and the Soil and Water Conservation Program are planning to host a training conference call to discuss planning requirements to answer questions about Animal Waste Facilities. Thank you.

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