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	CONSERVATION ENGINEERING DIVISION											
R	1. Review and approve FOTG/technical standards. NFSAM, 3 rd Edition, 180-V (510.32a).			X								
R	2. Provide guidance/assistance within States for Scenic Beauty (Landscape Resources). GM 190, Part 410.24(c).						X					
R	3. Provide national leadership for policy and procedures for developing and using FOTG. GM 450, Part 401.01(a).			X CED ESD								
R	4. Approve NHCP variances. GM 450, Part 401.14.			X CED ESD								
R	5. Approve variances in channel stability requirements. GM 450, Part 401.14.			X CED								
R	6. Approve proposed changes in the NHCP. GM 401.15.			X CED ESD								
R	7. Review and approve technical content of proposed NHCP changes. GM 450, Part 401.15.			X CED ESD								
R	8. Provide technical support and coordination nationally for water and wind erosion technology tools. GM 450, Part 402.11.		X	X CED ESD		X						
R	9. Issue policy and procedure for Conservation Field Trials. GM 450, Part 403.4(a).			X CED ESD								
A	10. Approve field trial work plan and obligate funds. GM 450, Part 403.5(b).						X					
R	11. Provide leadership for technology development, technology transfer, and training. GM 460, Part 401.3(c).		X			X S&T						
R	12. Provide WQ technical services to States and NHQ. GM 460, Part 401.3(f).			X CED ESD		X						

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R	13. Assist local SWCD's and others to identify and treat nonpoint source pollution problems. GM 460, Part 401.3(g).						X					
R	14. Approve all engineering jobs (Class I-VIII) in the State. NEM 501.4A.										X SCE	
A	15. Concur on State developed job approval authority chart. NEM 501.4.B.(6)			X CED								
R	16. Concur on Class VIII engineering jobs. NEM 501.4.			X CED								
R	17. Develop policy and procedures for approval of engineering jobs in the State. NEM 501.4.			X CED							X SCE	
R	18. Delegate Class I-V engineering job approval authority within the State. NEM 501.4.										X SCE	Engineers may redelegate
R	19. Delegate Class VI engineering job approval authority within the State, if applicable. NEM 501.4.										X SCE	
R	20. Determine Class VI-VII engineering review capability of State staff. NEM 501.4.			X CED								
R	21. Develop procedures for post review of Class I-V jobs. NEM 501.5.										X SCE	
R	22. Develop procedures for post review of Class VI-VIII jobs. NEM 501.5.			X CED								
R	23. Appoint an Engineering investigating committee or engineer for a Class I-IV practice problem. NEM 504.3.						X		X		X SCE	
R	24. Appoint an Engineering investigating committee for Class V or VI practice problem. NEM 504.3.						X				X SCE	
R	25. Appoint an Engineering investigating committee for Class VII or VIII practice problem. NEM 504.3.			X CED			X					

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R	26. Appoint an Engineering investigating committee for practice problems of unusual or national scope or of special significance. NEM 504.3.	X		X CED								
R	27. Develop State criteria for non-NRCS engineering services. NEM 505.1.						X				X SCE	
R	28. Establish procedures to assure practices are installed in accordance with contractor-furnished documentation and approved drawings and specifications. NEM 505.10.B(4)						X				X SCE	
R	29. Pre-qualify materials for construction. NEM 512.23.										X SCE	
R	30. Prescribe testing and documentation requirements for Class I-IV jobs. NEM 512.41.C.										X SCE	
R	31. Establish hazard classification for job class VII and VIII dams. NEM 520.23.A.										X SCE	
R	32. Report deficiencies, problems, and failures of structures and projects. NEM 504.2.						X				X SCE	
A	33. Approve participation in design of municipal and industrial water supply structures. NEM 505.2.G.			X CED								
R	34. Provide NRCS assistance for State dam safety program. NEM 503.57.						X				X SCE	
A	35. Provide technical approval of system of planned engineering measure. NEM 510.3.										X SCE	
R	36. Review designs for Class I-VIII structures. NEM 511.5.			X CED					X	X	X SCE	
	37. Assure engineering instrumentation monitoring and reporting. NEM 511.25						X				X SCE	
R	38. Coordinate pre-qualified materials across States. NEM 513.23.										X SCE	

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R	39. Develop and technically review water supply forecasting regulations. NEM 522.3.										X SCE	
R	40. Determine national standard detail drawings for Structural Engineering. NEM 536.71.			X CED								
A	41. Develop State procedures for equipment care and maintenance. NEM 544.6.						X				X SCE	
R	42. Direct technology development and technology transfer. GM 180, Part 409.11(a7); GM 450, Part 409.11(a)(7); GM 460, Part 401.3(c)(1); GM 460, Part 401.3(c)(2).		X			X						
R	43. Provide national leadership for the operation of the NRCS science and technology programs and activities (includes National Centers, National Technology Support Centers, NHQ Divisions, etc.).		X									
R	44. Establish/Implement operations and maintenance policy and procedures pertaining to all conservation practices installed with NRCS assistance. GM 180 Part 500.20.		X	X CED ESD								
M	45. Implement water conservation activities in cooperation with Bureau of Reclamation. Memorandum of Understanding-NRCS/Bureau of Reclamation.			X CED			X					
R	46. Revise and/or develop directives, manuals, and technical guides. GM 460, Part 401.3.		X	X CED ESD		X						
R	47. Provides agency leadership for coordination and/or collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. NEM Title 210 Parts 520.21.		X S&T	X CED	X	X NWMC NDCSMC						

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	NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT TEAM											
R	1. Provide leadership for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program administration, execution, and operational leadership and management. Authority under the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and CPM Title 440 Part 515 and Part 515.10.	X	X S&T	X CED NTST			X				X CIG	
R	2. Determines natural resource, technology, geographic, and other priorities on an annual basis; Selects project proposals for funding based on recommendations from the CIG Grants Review Board; & Ensure appropriate environmental compliance documentation is prepared in accordance with NRCS regulations implementing NEPA. Title 440 GM Part 526.14	X					X					
R	3. Stimulate innovative approaches to leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, including air quality concerns, in conjunction with agricultural production through CIG. CPM Title 440 Part 515.0.A	X	X S&T	X CED NTST			X				X CIG	
R	4. Establish and maintain and implement agency regulations, policies, guidance, and operating procedures pertaining to CIG, including program development. CPM Title 440 Part 526.12		X (S&T)	X CED NTST							X CIG	
R	5. Establish, maintain, and deliver agency training documents and tools pertaining to CIG. CPM title 440, Part 515, Section 515.2.		X S&T	X CED NTST							X CIG	
R	6. Establish agency procedures for providing review and written concurrence of State supplements to agency CIG-related policies, guidance, and operating procedures. CPM Title 440 Part 526.12		X S&T	X CED NTST							X CIG	
R	7. Make recommendations for funding and allocations for agency CIG program activities. CPM Title 440 Part 515.61, 526.17.		X S&T	X CED NTST							X CIG	

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A	8. Make decisions for agency CIG program policies, program regulatory decisions, funding allocation and reallocation decisions, maintaining working relationships within USDA and with external groups and partners to foster effective and efficient use, and waiving EQIP \$300,000 payment limitation pertaining to CIG. CPM Title 440 Part 526.14 A. (1), 515.51 C. (2)	X										
A, R	9. Develops the Announcement of Program Funding (APF), guiding it through document clearance, initiating the APF for the Federal Register (ensuring posting) and to the appropriate NRCS Web page, etc.; and provides to the MGT Deputy Chief/others for posting to http://www.grants.gov . Title 440, GM Part 526.14.		X S&T	X CED NTST			X				X CIG	
R	10. Provides for CIG-related pre-selection assistance, post-selection assistance, and program maintenance. Title 440 GM Part 526.14		X S&T	X CED NTST			X				X CIG	
R	11. Provides for CIG-related pre-selection assistance and program maintenance as delineated. Title 440 GM Part 526.14		X S&T & SSRA	X CED NTST							X CIG	
R	12. Ensures CIG-related funds are obligated in the Foundation Financial Information System (FFIS) and/or other appropriate financial management information system. Title 440 GM Part 526.14.A.(6)		X MGT	X CSD			X	X			X CFO	
R	13. Provides for CIG-related pre-selection assistance, post-selection assistance, and program maintenance as delineated. Title 440 GM Part 526.14.A.(7)		X MGT									

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R	14. Review CIG proposals for potential duplication of efforts, ethical concerns, and consistency with overall EQIP objectives; develop and provide letters of review to applicants seeking to carry out National CIG projects within their State or Area, and submit letters to NRCS NHQ by date identified in the APF. CPM Title 440 Part 526.14 (8) A. (i) through (iii)						X					
R	15. Fulfill delineated CIG-related delegated authorities. Title 440 GM Part 526.A.(9)										X CIG & PTC	
R	16. Fulfill delineated CIG-related State Component delegated authorities. Title 440 GM Part 526.B(1) –(7)						X				X Varied	
R	17. Provide agency leadership for providing oversight of implementing the CIG Program. CPM Title 440 Part 526.14		X S&T	X CED NTST			X				X CIG	
R	18. Providing expertise and support for EQIP-related contracts and agreements related to CIG. CPM Title 440 Part 526.14		X MGT	X AAGAD NCSU								
R	19. Developing technology for EQIP support pertaining to CIG. CPM Title 440 Part 526.14		X S&T SSRA	X CED NTST			X					
R	20. Providing leadership and support for analysis and evaluation for EQIP related to CIG, including support during rulemaking. CPM Title 440, Section 526.14		X S&T SPA	X CED NTST REAPD							X CIG	
R	21. Provide guidance and supervision to State Conservationists for State CIG programs and their role in the National CIG Program. Title 440 GM Part 526.14				X RCs							

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R	22. Develops/Issues press releases; announces the availability of the APF; announces selected projects; highlights CIG accomplishments and success stories; coordinates press coverage and promotion of special events, such as the CIG Showcase, poster contest, project visits, et.; posts CIG news splash, news releases, and support information on the NRCS and other appropriate Web sites/pages. CPM Title 440, Section 526.14			X PAD			X				X PAS	
A	23. Implementation of the provisions of Section 1240H, "Conservation Innovation Grants" of the Food Security Act of 1985, as added by section 2301 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and section 2509 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.	X	X S&T	X CED NTST			X					
R	24. Manage delegated CIG-related items unless specifically prohibited by Title 440 Part 526 or other agency policy. Title 440 GM Part 526.11		X S&T	X CED NTST			X					
R	25. Provide national leadership for policy, the development or resource guides, and technical information for Agritourism and Alternative Enterprises. GM 190, Part 409 and GM 360, Part 404.		X S&T	X CED NTST		X						
R	26. Provides agency technical leadership, guidance, and support for the NRCS-sponsored Centers of Excellence. GM 360, Part 404.	X	X S&T	X CED NTST							X COEC	
R	27. Provides technical support for the NRCS-sponsored Centers of Excellence. GM 360, Part 404.					X S&T SSRA					X COEC	
R	28. Approves COE cooperative agreements, in accordance with the NRCS Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Handbook (Title 120, Part 600) and National Instruction 120.301, Processing Grants, Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding.						X					
R	29. Provides outreach and communication for the NRCS-sponsored Centers of Excellence. GM 360, Part 404			X OAD								

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R	30. Provides agency technical leadership, guidance, and support for Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units activities. GM 360, Part 404		X S&T	X CED NTST							X CESUC	
R	31. Approves CESU cooperative agreements up to \$250,000, in accordance with the NRCS Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Handbook (Title 120, Part 600) and National Instruction 120.301, Processing Grants, Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding. Decision Memorandum for the Chief, dated June 10, 2009.		X				X					
R	32. Approves CESU cooperative agreements more than \$250,000, in accordance with the NRCS Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Handbook (Title 120, Part 600) and National Instruction 120.301, Processing Grants, Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding. Decision Memorandum for the Chief, dated June 10, 2009.		X MGT									
R	33. Provides administrative policies, procedures, and guidance, expertise, and support for CESU-related cooperative agreements. Decision Memorandum for the Chief, dated June 10, 2009. NRCS Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Handbook (Title 120, Part 600) and National Instruction 120.301, Processing Grants, Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding.		X MGT	X AAGAD NCSU								
	NATIONAL WATERSHED PROGRAMS TEAM (NWPT)											
R	1. Develop (including issuance) national policy, standards, and procedures for project planning, installation, operation and maintenance, and allocation of watershed program funds. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.B.		X S&T	X CED								
	2. Coordinate, organize, and manage State-level watershed program activities, ensuring effectiveness and efficiency. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.A.						X					

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R	3. Compile funds requests for the watershed operations programs, WF-08 and WF-03. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.B.		X S&T	X CED			X				X WP	
R	4. Compile funds request data for the watershed surveys and planning program. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.B.		X S&T	X CED							X WP	
R	5. Establish short- and long-term performance measures for authorized Public Law 78-534 (the Flood Control Act of 1944) and Public Law 83-566, as amended, (the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, as amended) Watershed Projects in the States and Pacific Island and Caribbean Areas and the national program. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.B.		X S&T	X CED			X				X WP	
R	6. Collect and maintain expenditures for authorized Public Law 83-566 and Public Law 78-534 watershed project measures and program benefits. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.B.		X S&T	X CED			X				X WP	
	7. Review all Watershed Program plans for programmatic compliance. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.B.		X S&T	X CED							X WP	
R	8. Review all Watershed Project Plan modifications, including revisions and supplements, for programmatic compliance. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10.B.		X S&T	X CED							X WP	
R	9. Review all Watershed Rehabilitation Plans for programmatic compliance. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual, Part 500, Section 500.10B.		X S&T	X CED		NWMC					X WP	
	ECOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION (ESD)											

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R	(1) Develop and approve RUSLE databases. NFSAM 180, Part 510.15.			X ESD								
R	(2) Review and approve FOTG/technical standards. NFSAM 180, Part 510.32.			X ESD								
R	(3) Provide coordination between States and regions. FNFAS 180, Part 510.32.			X ESD	X							
R	(4) Refer EISs to the appropriate States for response. GM 190, Part 410.20.			X ESD								
R	(5) Contact and coordinate with regional representatives of EPA and State environmental groups/agencies within the State. GM 190, Part 410.21.				X		X					
R	(6) Develop policy, act as liaison, and establish procedures at the national level for NRCS involvement in consultations and implementation relating to Threatened and Endangered Species. GM 190, Part 410.22.			X ESD								
R	(7) Designate NRCS representative on Federal Committee for Ecological Preserves and other liaisons with other Federal agencies. GM 190, Part 410.23.	X										
R	(8) Designate a representative to work with other agencies/groups on Natural Areas at the local level. GM 190, Part 410.23.						X					
R	(9) Work with interested parties to develop refined criteria for identification of riparian areas. GM 190, Part 411.02.						X					
R	(10) Provide national leadership for policy and procedures for developing and using FOTG. GM 450, Part 401.01.		X S&T	X ESD CED								
R	(11) Chair National Technical Guide Committee. GM 450, Part 401.01.			X ESD								

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R	(12) Establish procedures to coordinate technical review and concurrence of State development materials. GM 450, Part 401.01.			X ESD								
R	(13) Provide leadership for the development, quality, coordination, use, and maintenance of the State's FOTG and criteria for RMS and AMS. GM 450, Part 401.01; GM 450, Part 401.03; GM 450, Part 401.20.			X ESD								
R	(14) Coordinate development, use, and maintenance of FOTG in field offices supervised. GM 450, Part 401.01.									X		
R	(15) Provide leadership in developing and assembling the FOTG. GM 450, Part 401.01.			X ESD CED								
R	(16) Approve NHCP variances. GM 450, Part 401.14.			X ESD CED								
R	(17) Approve proposed changes in the NHCP. GM 450, Part 401.14.			X ESD CED								
R	(18) Review and approve technical content of proposed NHCP changes. GM 450, Part 401.01.			X ESD CED								
R	(19) Implement the use of RUSLE2 & WEPS and USLE, WEQ, & soil loss tolerance values, where applicable. GM 450, Part 402.11.		X	X ESD			X					
R	(20) Provide technical support and coordination nationally for USLE and WEQ. GM 450, Part 402.3.			X ESD CED		X						
R	(21) Issue policy and procedures for Conservation Field Trials. GM 450, Part 403.4.			X ESD CED								
R	(22) Conduct field trials by NTSCs. GM 450, Part 403.4.					X						

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R	(23) Review field trial proposals and advise States on technical integrity and correlation with other field trials. GM 450, Part 403.4.			X ESD CED		X S&T						
R	(24) Approve field trial work plan and obligate funds if in excess of (\$50,000). GM 450, Part 403.5.						X					
R	(25) Approve field trials within State. GM 450, Part 403.4.						X					
R	(26) Administer conservation field trials in work area. GM 450, Part 403.4.									X		
R	(27) Acquire knowledge of Federal, State, or local laws and regulations to direct landowner/operator to appropriate regulatory agencies. GM 450, Part 405.02.									X		
R	(28) Document, certify, and spot check for practice compliance with applicable standards and specifications, and maintain up-to-date State policies and procedures. GM 450, Part 407.02.			X ESD								
R	(29) Ensure quality of practices installed with NRCS technical assistance. GM 450, Part 407.02.									X		
R	(30) Provide leadership for technology development, technology transfer, and training. GM 460, Part 401.3.			X ESD CED		X S&T						
R	(31) Provide WQ technical services to States and NHQ. GM 460, Part 401.3.			X ESD CED		X						
R	(32) Authorize specialized assistance in wildlife and fish biology to land users. NBM 190, Part 510.			X ESD			X					
R	(33) Select habitat criteria for use in Habitat Inventory and Evaluation. NBM, Part 513.13.			X ESD			X					
R	(34) Authorize forest program activities. NFM 190, Part 535.10.	X		X ESD								

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R	(35) Provide national level forestry assistance. NFM 190, Part 535.61.			X ESD								
	(36) Provide leadership for the development, implementation, evaluation, and revisions of prescribed burn policy. GM 190, Part 413.20.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(37) Develop job approval authority criteria and ensure employees act within their training and certification levels for controlled burning. NRPH 190, Chapter VI, Appendix A.						X					
R	(38) Ensure that only qualified employees review and spot check prescribed burning activities. NRPH 190, Chapter VI, App. A.						X					
	(39) Provide leadership for integration of the Rangeland Interagency Ecological Site Manual into agency-specific policy. GM 190, Part 500.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(40) Prepare and keep current technical guides for native grazing land. NRPH 190, Chapter VI, 600.0103.						X					
R	(41) Serve as chairperson of teams appointed to conduct program reviews and appraisals of Plant Materials Centers. NPMM, Part 540.2.			X ESD							X NPL-PM	
R	(42) Overall responsibility of Plant Materials data management and Plant Materials Operations and Management System (POMS) activities in PM program. NPMM, Part 541.0.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(43) Provide administrative supervision of NPMC Manager (STC of Maryland (MD)). NPMM, Part 540.3.						X MD					
R	(44) Implement cultural resources legislation and designate Agency Federal Preservation Officer. GM 420, Part 401.12.	X										
R	(45) Provide State leadership for cultural resources compliance and protection of historic properties. GM 420, Part 401.12.						X					

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R	(46) Provide State technical guidance and recommended decisions for cultural resources compliance. GM 420, Part 401.12.			X ESD							X FPO	
R	(47) Conduct project-related cultural resources consultations with SHPOs and Tribes. GM 420, Part 401.12.						X					
R	(48) Conduct policy-related collateral resources consultations with SHPO's, and Tribes. GM 420, Part 401.12.			X ESD								
R	(49) Develop policy, act as liaison to the Department and other Federal agencies, and establish procedures at the national level for NRCS involvement in, and consultations relating to, cultural resources compliance. (Section 106 compliance) GM 420, Part 401.12.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(50) Provide local management and oversight for cultural resources. GM 420, Part 401.12.									X		
R	(51) Provide national leadership in soil, water, and related resources in regard to forestry. NFM 190, Subpart F, Section 535.5 Exhibit Memorandum of Understanding Among NASF, NACD, NRCS, and FS.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(52) Develop and maintain FOTG planning documents and materials to support field office planning. GM 180, Part 409.11 and NPPH, Part 409.119.			X ESD CED								
R	(53) Provide national leadership for the History discipline and integration into policy direction. Act of 1935 (Public Law 74-46).			X ESD CED							X HSTRN	
R	(54) Provide national leadership for strategies, initiatives, activities, and policy formulation for animal agriculture, clean water, bio-energy and bio-mass, nutrient management, and environmental credit trading. GM 360, Part 404.	X	X S&T	X ESD	X							

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R	(55) Provide national leadership for review, evaluation, and development of recommendations to NRCS and Department leadership on proposed, revised, and new environmental regulations and rules for assigned areas. GM 360, Part 404.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(56) Provide national leadership for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation involving animal agriculture as they relate to water quality and quantity, air quality, greenhouse gases, and nutrient management: (i) Within NRCS, (ii) With other Department agencies, and (iii) With other Departments (i.e., USEPA) GM-360, Part 404.	X	X S&T	X ESD								
	(57) Fulfills Designated Federal Official responsibilities for and provides technical leadership and other support to the USDA Air Quality Task Force.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(58) Provide leadership for the coordination and implementation of the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance.NPPH 600.50 - 600.54.		X S&T	X ESD			X					
R	(59) Provide national leadership for the formulation, coordination, and implementation of the National Animal Agriculture Conservation Framework. GM-360, Part 404		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(60) Provide state leadership for the formulation, coordination, and implementation of the State Animal Agriculture Conservation Framework. GM-360, Part 404						X					
R	(61) Provide leadership for the formulation and maintenance of minimum standards for Technical Service Providers associated with Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP). GM 180, Part 409, 409.10.		X S&T	X ESD			X					

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R	(62) Establish or use a certification program that provides for certified specialists associated with the core elements of a CNMP. Ensure that all pertinent State certification and licensing requirements are met as a part of any CNMP certification program established. Determine how competency will be demonstrated or measured as part of the certification process. Establish a procedure for revocation of certification and re-certification. Maintain a current list of CNMP certified specialists. GM 180, Part 409, 409.10.			X ESD			X					
R	(63) Determine the type and minimum hours of training necessary to maintain the CNMP certified specialist designation. Develop or approve training to meet the training requirements for CNMP certified specialists. GM 180, Part 409, 409.10.			X ESD			X					
R	(64) Incorporate CNMP certified specialist planning and implementation efforts in the State Quality Assurance Plan and review each certified specialist designation at least once every three years. GM 180, Part 409.			X ESD			X					
R	(65) Provide staff support to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment for animal agriculture issues. GM 360, Part 404.			X ESD								
R	(66) Provide national leadership for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation relating to clean water, water quality, watershed health, and sustainable waters: (i) Within NRCS; (ii) With other Department agencies; and (iii) With other Departments (i.e., EPA), GM-360, Part 404	X	X S&T	X ESD CED								
R	(67) Serve as point of contact for issues, activities, and cooperation with the EPA Office of Water. GM 360, Part 404.			X ESD								

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R	(68) Represent NRCS on National Water Quality Monitoring Council. GM 360, Part 404.			X ESD								
R	(69) Provide staff support to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment for water quality issues, including support to the national Advisory Committee on Water Information and the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. GM 360, Part 404.			X ESD	X							
R	(70) Provide national leadership for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation relating to bio-mass (energy) and energy: (i) Within NRCS, (ii) With other Department agencies, and (iii) With other Departments (i.e., USDOE) GM-360, Part 404	X	X S&T	X ESD								
R	(71) Represent NRCS on the USDA Biobased Products and Bioenergy Coordination Council. GM 360, Part 404.			X ESD								
R	(72) Provide staff support to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment for bio-mass (energy) and energy issues. GM 360, Part 404.			X ESD								
R	(73) Provide national leadership for policy coordination and implementation for highly erodible lands (HEL) compliance (HELC) and wetlands compliance (WC): (i) Within NRCS; and (ii) With other agencies relative to HELC and WC provisions. Title 180 National FSA Manual, Part 510		X S&T	X ESD	X							
R	(74) Responsible for coordination and implementation of conservation system planning. GM 180 Part 409; CPM 440 Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD								

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R	(75) Responsible for consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on policies and procedures relating to HEL conservation policy. GM 180 Part 409; CPM 440 Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(76) Responsible for coordination with conservation districts, NASCAD, and other partners. GM 180 Part 409; CPM 440 Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(77) Responsible for approval of State supplements to the National FSA Manual (NFSAM). GM 180 Part 409; CPM 440 Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(78) Responsible for providing advice to the National Appeals Division on wetland and HEL appeals. GM 180 Part 409; CPM 440 Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(79) Responsible for status reviews, quality reviews, and program evaluation. GM 180 Part 409; CPM 440 Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD								
R	(80) Coordinate NRCS responsibilities with USACE and EPA. GM 180, Part 409; CPM 440, Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD	X		X					
R	(81) Consult with FWS on matters relating to wetlands. GM 180, Part 409; CPM 440, Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD			X					
R	(82) Delegate responsibilities for implementation of HELC and WC to State, area, or field office staff. GM 180, Part 409; CPM 440, Part 505.		X S&T	X ESD			X					
	NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT CENTERS (NTSCs)											
R	1. Maintain PLANTS (Plant List of Accepted Nomenclature, Taxonomy, and Symbols) GM 190, Part 401.3(a).		X S&T			X ENTSC NPDT						
R	2. Maintain data integrity and security of PLANTS data at NPDC. GM 190, Part 401.3(g).		X S&T			X ENTSC NPDT						

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R	3. Provide leadership, guidance, and oversight for agency involvement and activities related to the USDA National Agroforestry Center (a partnership of the U.S. Forest Service and NRCS). GM 360, Part 404.92.		X S&T	X ESD		X CNTSC						
R	4. Provide leadership, guidance, and oversight for providing direct technical assistance to State and the Pacific Islands and Caribbean Areas. GM 360, Part 404.92.		X S&T	X CED ESD		X NTSC						
R	5. Provide technology acquisition and development. GM 360, Part 404, Section 404.92		X S&T	X CED ESD		X S&T						
R	6. Provide technology transfer and training. GM 360, Part 404.92.		X S&T	X CED ESD		X S&T						
R.	7. Provide for the development and maintenance of national technical standards, references, and related materials. GM 360, Part 404.92.		X S&T	X CED ESD								
R	8. Provide technical assistance for the development and maintenance of national technical standards, references, and related materials. GM 360, Part 404.92.					X						
R	9. Lead agency efforts for emerging technology development GM 360, Part 404.88, Part 404.90, and Part 404.91.		X S&T	X CED ESD								
R	10. Carry out assigned functions for emerging technology development. GM 360, Part 404.92.					X NTSCs						
R	11. Carry out assigned functions for climate change, including leading the NRCS Climate Change Coordination Team. GM-360, Part 404, Section 404.92		X S&T			X WNTSCs						
R	12. Maintain the Conservation Practice Physical Effects (CPPE) database. GM 450, Part 401.										X WNTSC ECON	