

Part 503 – Watershed Project Plan Modifications

Subpart B – Review and Approval of Plan Modifications

503.10 Introduction

The review of proposed modifications of watershed project plans must be commensurate with the magnitude of the changes being proposed. Input by the public and concerned groups, as well as local, State, and Federal agencies, must be obtained and documented.

503.11 Review and Notification Procedures

Required reviews and notification are based on the approval level of the proposed modification. The review and notification procedure outlined in Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual (NWPM), Part 502, must be followed for all revised and supplemental watershed project plans that include a supplemental environmental impact statement or environmental assessment. All rehabilitation plans require review in accordance with 390-NWPM, Part 502, Subpart B and Section 505.35 (of this manual). The required review of other modifications is to be determined by the State Conservationist (STC).

503.12 Approval and Authorization

- A. Watershed plan modifications must be reviewed for conformance with national policy by the Watershed Operations Program national program manager or Watershed Rehabilitation Program national program manager, as applicable.
- B. Project plan modifications must be approved and authorized for funding using the same criteria established for new watershed project plans, with the following exception. Watershed plans that were originally approved by a congressional committee do not require approval of modifications from the same committee.
- C. Watershed Program statutory authorities must not be exceeded.

503.13 Approval and Authorization of Public Law 78-534 Projects

Preparation, review, and approval procedures for Public Law 78-534 projects are the same as those for administratively approved Public Law 83-566 projects, except with the following one exception. If revisions and supplements to a subwatershed project plan involve Federal financial or credit assistance from flood damage reduction funds for purposes other than flood damage reduction, the Chief will transmit one informational copy of the supplemental subwatershed project plan to the Office of Management and Budget. The Chief authorizes the STC to execute the revised or supplemental plan.