

## **Part 600 – Watershed Program Management**

### **Subpart C – Application for Assistance**

#### **600.20 Request for NRCS Planning Assistance**

A. To develop a watershed project plan in the Watershed Program under either Public Law 83-566 or Public Law 78-534, a request for NRCS planning assistance is required. The request for planning assistance and authorization is supported by the following:

- (1) Preliminary investigation report indicating project feasibility
- (2) Valid application (Standard Form (SF)-424, “Application for Federal Assistance”)

B. An application covering a watershed including non-Federal land in two or more States must be submitted to the designated State agencies and the single point of contact for Federal assistance of each State concerned. The application will be processed in accordance with arrangements mutually satisfactory to the concerned State Conservationists (STCs) and the designated State agencies.

C. An amendment to the application should be submitted in the same manner as the original application. The SLO can be officially added or dropped by an amended application. This can also be accomplished when a watershed plan is prepared by a supplement thereto. Unless a change in SLO will affect a watershed’s priority rating, there is generally no advantage to using an amended application to reflect only a change in sponsorship. Changes that only modify or supplement the information in the application can be handled by correspondence. Amendments to the application are used primarily to change the size of the area considered by adding or deleting part of the watershed area. The SLO should send a letter to the STC, through the designated State agency, stating what the change consists of and why it is needed.

D. Title 390, National Watershed Program Manual (NWPM), Part 500, Subpart C, describes the policy and process for an SLO to request an authorization to develop a watershed project plan, including an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS), that is to be implemented under the Watershed Program.

#### **600.21 Planning Authorization**

There is no further guidance in the handbook corresponding to this section in the manual.

#### **600.22 Amendment to an Application**

There is no further guidance in the handbook corresponding to this section in the manual.