

Part 602 – Reviews and Approvals

Subpart B – Technical and Policy Reviews

602.10 Plan Review

For an overview of the step-by-step review and approval process, procedure, and sequence that should be followed see Title 390, National Watershed Program Handbook, Part 606, Subpart C, Section 606.30, “Review and Approval Process for Watershed Project Plans,” in this handbook.

602.11 NRCS Reviews

A. State Staff Review

- (1) States should develop procedures for internal technical review of Plan-EAs and EISs by appropriate personnel to ensure that the problems, the alternatives considered, the preferred alternative, and the effects are adequately described and that the plans have been developed in accordance with NRCS policy in the National Watershed Program Manual (NWPM), the “Principles” portion of P&G; and guidance provided in this handbook, the National Planning Procedures Handbook and the P&G Guidelines. If the Forest Service is involved in the plan, provisions should be made for its review and concurrence.
- (2) States should download and use the “Watershed Plan Review Checklist” (PlanReviewChecklist.xls) from the National Water Management Center (NWMC) at <http://wmc.ar.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/watershed.html>) to assist in ensuring that plans are complete before they are distributed for peer or interagency review.

B. National Water Management Center Review

As a quality assurance measure, States will arrange for review and comment by the NWMC, as provided for in 390-NWPM, Part 502, Subpart B, Section 502.11.