

Part 500 – Introduction

500.0 Purpose

This manual establishes national policy governing delivery of engineering services in NRCS. The policy provides a framework for technical excellence in engineering through consistent application of engineering principles, science, and professional judgment. A core cadre of skilled NRCS engineers, geologists, landscape architects, and technicians, along with other NRCS conservationists, partners, technical service providers, architects and engineers, and others, work to develop multidisciplinary solutions to natural resource concerns under this policy.

500.1 Abbreviations

- A. CED.—Conservation Engineering Division
- B. NEH.—National Engineering Handbook
- C. NEM.—National Engineering Manual
- D. NHCP.—National Handbook of Conservation Practices

500.2 Policy

All engineering work performed by NRCS or for NRCS, including work by NRCS for others, must conform to the requirements of this manual.