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SUBJECT: LTP - ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)
FY 2004 – PROGRESS REVIEW – REVISION OR MODIFICATION OF ACTIVE
CONTRACTS

Action Required by: August 1, 2004

Purpose. To provide for timely servicing of EQIP contracts with funds scheduled for obligation in prior years.

Expiration Date: January 1, 2005.

A recent audit by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) determined that in many cases, Farm Service Agency (FSA) System 36 shows contract funds as obligated in past fiscal years. The obligations have not been rescheduled to current or a future year.

By August 1, 2004, NRCS will review the progress on all active EQIP contracts that have cost share or incentive payments yet to be paid. Status reviews will be conducted on all active EQIP contracts, FY 1997-2003, if the schedule of operations is not being followed or if required contract provisions are not being met.

Refer to the enclosed memo from Jose Acevedo, Deputy Chief for Programs for specific guidance to be completed by the designated conservationists by August 1, 2004.

Questions may be directed to Donald Dotson, Assistant State Conservationist (Programs) at (615) 277-2567.

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