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Environmental Quality Programs 1-EQ (Revision 2)	Amendment 2
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Amendment Transmittal

A Reason for Amendment

Paragraph 58 has been amended to clarify FSA's existing responsibilities under Executive Order 12898.

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58 Environmental Justice**A Resource**

Executive Order 12898 of February 11, 1994, requires a Federal agency to “make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low income populations”.

--On the 20th anniversary of Executive Order 12898, President Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation reaffirming support for this order. He stated, “By effectively implementing environmental laws, we can improve quality of life and expand economic opportunity in overburdened communities.”--

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B Lead Agency for Resource

Environmental justice regulations are carried out under an interagency working group. There is **no** specific agency that provides coordination or consultation.

C Review Process

*--After careful review of Executive Order 12898 and other related policies and guidance documents, it has been determined that FSA actions do **not** involve activities with potential to disproportionately or adversely affect or displace low income or minority groups. Accordingly, environmental justice is **not** specifically referenced on RD 1940-20, RD 1940-21, or RD 1940-22, nor is a detailed analysis called for in the Class II EA Template. However, as with all EA’s, if controversial conditions are known to exist, or in response to a Class II public notice an environmental justice issue or concern is raised, then it must be considered in the formulation of the final decision.--*

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority

Reports

None

Forms

This table lists all forms referenced in this handbook.

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
AD-1006	Farmland Conversion Impact Rating		55
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certificate		4, 51, Ex. 31
FSA-850	Environmental Evaluation		6, 23, Part 4, Ex. 31
NRCS-CPA-026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Determination		Ex. 31
NRCS-CPA-052	Environmental Assessment and Resource Inventory Checklist		23, 49, Ex. 9
NRCS-CPA-106	Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects		55
RD 1940-20	Request for Environmental Information		4, 33, 58
RD 1940-21	Environmental Assessment for Class I Action		4, 6, 23, 32-34, Part 4
RD 1940-22	Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions		4-6,23, 32-34, Part 4, Ex. 31

Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority (Continued)

Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM

The following abbreviations are not listed in 1-CM.

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
ACHP	The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	50, Ex. 9
AFO	animal feeding operation	4, 34, 52, Ex. 2
APE	area of potential effect	2, 33, 50, 56, Ex. 9
ARPA	Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979	50
AU	animal unit	34, Ex. 2
BMP	best management practices	42, 45
CAFO	concentrated animal feeding operation	4, 42, 52, Ex. 2
CATEX	categorical exclusion	3-6, 22, 32-34, 49, Ex. 31
CBRA	Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1982	48
CBRS	Coastal Barrier Resources System	48
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality	1-3, 23, 24, 34, 41
CNMP	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	4, 42
CONACT	Consolidated Farm And Rural Development Act	43
CWA	Clean Water Act	5, 42, 43, 46, Ex. 2, 11
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972	5, 33, 41, 47, Ex. 10
DFN	Debt for Nature Program also known as the Debt Cancellation Conservation Contract Program	32, Ex. 31
EA	environmental assessment	Text, Ex. 12, 21-24, 31
EE	environmental evaluation	Text, Ex. 31
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	3, 6, 23, 24, 34, 50, Ex. 2
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	5, 42, 43, 45, 52, Ex. 2
EQ	environmental quality	42, 47, 52
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973	5, 49, Ex. 8
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact	3, 5, 6, 24, 34, 55, Ex. 23, 24
FP	farm programs	Text, Ex. 2, 31
FPO	federal preservation officer	4, 50, Ex. 9