

For: State and County Offices

Returning ECP Funds

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

According to 1-ECP, subparagraph:

- 1 A, ECP is established to rehabilitate farmlands and conservation facilities damaged by natural disasters and to provide assistance during periods of severe drought
- 1 C, assistance is limited to producers who have suffered damage of such magnitude that it would be too costly to rehabilitate without Federal assistance
- 67 B, funds **shall be returned** to CEPD as soon as it is determined that funds are no longer needed for the disaster in which funds were originally allocated
- 152 A, signup periods for ECP benefits may be no longer than **60 calendar days** unless approved by the National Office
- 182 A, requires that COC establish realistic expiration dates of no more than **6 months** for completing approved ECP practices
- 184 A, AD-245 shall be canceled when completing the practices and the performance report is not filed by the expiration date.

There is an extensive demand on limited ECP funds because of tornadoes, persistent severe drought conditions, floods, ice storms, and other disasters.

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B Purpose

This notice requires State Offices to:

- perform a review of all ECP ledgers
- return all unneeded, unused, slipped, and deobligated funds to the National Office.

2 State Office Action

A Reviewing All ECP Ledgers With County Offices

State Offices shall:

- review all ECP ledgers with County Offices
- review monthly ACP-305's to identify County Offices with possible ECP funds available for return to the National Office
- accelerate the following:
 - signup periods
 - completing approved practices where appropriate.

B Reporting Review Results

State Offices shall:

- report the necessary information on Exhibit 1 in the provided format
- complete Exhibit 1 and FAX to Mike Linsenbigler, Deputy Director, CEPD, Attn: Greg Edwards at 202-720-4619 by **COB Monday, November 30, 2009**.

Note: Exhibit 1 may also be completed on the State and County Office CEPD information center web site at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/ffas/dafp/cepdsto.htm>.

- select option 11, "Conservation Programs Ledger Management"
- under "Other Information" CLICK "ECP Fund Return Form"
- complete the form and CLICK "Submit to Greg Edwards" to automatically send the form to Gregory Edwards.

A negative report is required. If a State Office has recently returned funds to the National Office, then indicate that funds have been returned and submit a negative report.

State Office Reporting

Following is an example of the reporting format that State Offices shall complete and FAX to Mike Linsenbiger, Acting Director, CEPD, Attn: Greg Edwards at 202-720-4619 by **COB November 30, 2009**.

Note: A negative report is required.

Emergency Conservation Program Report of Underutilized Funds	
1 State Office: _____	
2 Total amount of funds to be returned to the National Office: _____	
ECP Account	Amount Returned
Regular ECP-Flood Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Flood Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Drought Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Drought Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Other Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Other Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Tornado Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Tornado Technical Assistance	
Regular ECP-Hurricane Cost Share	
Regular ECP-Hurricane Technical Assistance	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Cost Share	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Technical Assistance	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Poultry Cost Share	
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Poultry Technical Assistance	
ECP Adjusted Gross Income Cost Share	
ECP Adjusted Gross Income Technical Assistance	
Submitted by: _____, SED Date: _____	