

For: State and County Offices

Returning ECP and EFRP Funds

Approved by: Acting 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-EFRP, subparagraph 1 A, EFRP is established to carry out emergency measures to restore NIPF damaged by natural disasters
- 1-ECP, subparagraph 1 C, ECP assistance is limited to producers who have suffered damage of such magnitude that it would be too costly to rehabilitate without Federal assistance
- 1-ECP, subparagraph 67 B, and 1-EFRP, subparagraph 67 B, ECP and EFRP 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
- 1-ECP, subparagraph 152, and 1-EFRP, subparagraph 152, signup periods for ECP or EFRP benefits may be no longer than **60 calendar days** unless approved by the National Office
- 1-ECP, subparagraph 182 A, and 1-EFRP, subparagraph 182 A, requires establishing realistic expiration dates for completing approved practices of no more than **6 months** for ECP and **2 years** for EFRP
- 1-ECP, subparagraph 184 A, and 1-EFRP, subparagraph 184 A, FSA-848A or AD-245, as applicable, shall be canceled when practice completion and the performance report is not filed by the expiration date.

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

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2012	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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B Purpose

This notice requires State Offices to immediately:

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

C Contact Information

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the State Office
- State Offices shall contact Greg Edwards by either of the following:
 - e-mail to greg.edwards@wdc.usda.gov
 - telephone at 202-720-5784.

2 State Office Action

A Reviewing All ECP and EFRP Ledgers with County Offices

State Offices shall:

- review all ECP and EFRP ledgers with County Offices including ledgers in CRES, CFLS, and eFunds for all budget FY's, as applicable
- identify and report any available balances that may be returned to the National Office for reallocation to pending ECP and EFRP disaster requests
- accelerate the following:
 - signup periods
 - completing approved practices where appropriate.

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2 State Office Action (Continued)

B Reporting Review Results

State Offices shall:

- report the necessary information on Exhibit 1 in the provided format
- complete Exhibit 1 and FAX to Brad Karmen, Acting Director, CEPD, Attn: Greg Edwards at 202-720-4619 by **COB August 3, 2012**.

Note: Exhibit 1 can also be completed online from the State and County Office CEPD Information Center at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/ffas/dafp/cepdsto.htm>:

- select 11, “**Conservation Programs Ledger Management**”
- under “Funds Return Forms”, CLICK “**ECP and EFRP Funds**”.

After Exhibit 1 has been completed, CLICK “**Submit**” and the form will be automatically sent to Gregory Edwards through e-mail.

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 Format

State Offices shall complete Exhibit 1 and FAX to Brad Karmen, Acting Director, CEPD, Attn: Greg Edwards at 202-720-4619, or complete online according to subparagraph 2 B, by **COB August 3, 2012**.

Note: A negative report is required.

ECP / EFRP Report of Returned Funds		
1 State Office: _____		
2 Total amount of funds to be returned to the National Office: _____		
ECP Account	Amount Returned	
	C/S Funds	TA Funds
Regular ECP-Flood		
Regular ECP-Drought		
Regular ECP-Other		
Regular ECP-Tornado		
Regular ECP-Hurricane		
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico		
Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Poultry		
ECP Adjusted Gross Income		
ECP or EFRP Account	Specify PAC 4040 or 4050 for ECP 3340 or 3344 for EFRP	Specify PAC 4600 or 4051 for ECP 3341 or 3345 for EFRP
Disaster ID _____		
Submitted by: _____, SED Date: _____		
SUBMIT		