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(i) Criteria to prioritize applications from applicants with significant statewide resource concerns outside a priority area;

(ii) Eligible conservation practices for an EQIP priority area or for significant statewide resource concerns outside a priority area;

(iii) Criteria to be used in defining a large confined livestock operation under EQIP;

(iv) Suggestions on how often producers’ EQIP applications are ranked and selected;

(v) Criteria to prioritize applications from applicants with significant statewide resource concerns outside a priority area; and

(vi) Determination of cost share and incentive payment limits for participants subject to environmental requirements or with significant statewide resource concerns outside a priority area.

(10) The implementation of the Wetland Conservation Program (16 U.S.C. 3861);

(11) The technical merits of proposals submitted for the Wetland Restoration Program (16 U.S.C. 3864);

(12) The identification of any categories of wetland conversion activities and conditions which are routinely determined by NRCS to have minimal effect on wetland functions and values as described in 7 CFR part 12.

(13) Conservation techniques and measures related to achieving environmental justice needs; and

(14) Identification of any categories of wetland conversion activities and conditions which are routinely determined by NRCS to have minimal effect on wetland functions and values as described in 7 CFR part 12.

(15) Conservation techniques and measures related to achieving environmental justice needs; and

(16) Types or classes of wetland that are not eligible for mitigation exemption under the Wetland Conservation provisions of 7 CFR part 12.

(d) The implementing agency reserves the authority to accept or reject the Committee’s recommendations; however, the implementing USDA agency shall give strong consideration to the Committee’s suggestions.

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In some situations, specialized subcommittees, made up of State Technical Committee members, may be needed to analyze and refine specific issues. The State Conservationist may assemble certain members to discuss, examine, and focus on a particular technical or programmatic topic. The subcommittee may seek public participation; however, it is not required to do so. Nevertheless, decisions resulting from these subcommittee sessions shall be made only in a general session of the State Technical Committee, where the public is notified and invited to attend.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 9501 et seq.), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) amended 7 CFR Chapter XVII, Part 1728, Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction, by revising RUS Bulletin 50–5 (D–803), Specification and Drawings for 14.4/24.9 kV Line Construction, and renumbered it as RUS Bulletin 1728F–803. RUS maintains a system of bulletins that contains construction standards and specifications for materials and equipment. These standards and specifications apply to system facilities constructed by RUS electric and telecommunications borrowers in accordance with the RUS loan contract, and contains standard construction units, material, and equipment units commonly used in RUS electric and telecommunication borrowers’ systems.

RUS Bulletin 1728F–803 provides dimensioned drawings of standard assembly units and specifications for the construction of 24.9/14.4 kV overhead electric distribution lines. RUS changed the bulletin number from RUS Bulletin 50–5 to RUS Bulletin 1728F–803. The change in the bulletin number and reformatting was necessary to conform to RUS’ new publications and directives system. This bulletin is incorporated by reference in § 1728.97. It may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, 500 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22312, 1–866–512–1800, or 1–512–482–1000, internet: http://www.access.gpo.gov/sfd).


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