

WATERING FACILITY

CODE 614

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN



The life of this installation can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program. Operation and Maintenance (O & M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with NRCS assistance. The land user is responsible for proper O & M throughout the life of the practice and as may be required by federal, state, or local laws or regulations. This water facility is designed and installed to provide water to livestock.

Operation is defined as operating the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements and in a manner that is beneficial to the environment and will permit the practice to serve its intended purpose. Maintenance includes working to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components that may fail.

Necessary operation and maintenance items for this practice include:

- **Make sure all valves, floats, overflows, and drains are functional and in good working condition.**
- **Maintain all fences in good condition.**
- **Maintain the installed system for small animal escapes.**
- **Prevent livestock damage to system and system appurtenances.**
- **Maintain area adjacent to tank in good condition to prevent rutting, ponding, and erosion from livestock use.**
- **Maintain surface treatment for livestock footing.**
- **Maintain all coverings and protection for all pipelines and drain lines.**
- **Remove debris and silt accumulation, periodically.**
- **Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage.**

Other:

Tract/Field No.:			
Landowner/Operator Name:		Review Date:	
Prepared By:		Date:	