



Natural Resources Conservation Service
2118 West Park Court
Champaign, IL. 61821
(217) 353-6600

www.il.nrcs.usda.gov

February 15, 2008

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE HANDBOOK
IL-190-610
AMENDMENT IL-2 (TITLE 190 PART 610 SUBPART E - EVALUATION PROCEDURES)**

SUBJECT: ECS – Environmental Evaluations

Purpose: To transmit Illinois' procedures for evaluating endangered and threatened species and state designated natural areas during conservation planning.

Effective Date: Directive is effective immediately.

Explanation: Illinois Amendment 1 to the National Environmental Compliance Handbook was distributed August 1, 2006 which established procedures for evaluating endangered and threatened species and state designated natural areas. Amendment 2 revises the evaluation procedure and provides new guidance for the evaluation of practice affects on the Indiana and gray bats and the bald eagle.

Action:

Amendment 2 replaces Amendment 1 documents IL610-70.1 Illinois NRCS E&T Review; and IL610-71.1-2 Illinois NRCS Environmental Reviews for Endangered and Threatened Species and Natural Areas with the following:

- IL610.E.71(a) Illinois NRCS Environmental Reviews for Endangered and Threatened Species and Natural Areas.
- IL610.E.71(b) NRCS Bald Eagle Habitat Conservation Guidelines For Illinois
- IL610.E.71(c) Illinois NRCS E&T Review
- IL610.E.71(d) IDNR Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) Instructions For NRCS Field Offices
- IL610.E.71(e) Authorization for NRCS Release of Conservation Plan File Information for Endangered Species Act Consultation
- IL610.E.71(f) NRCS Indiana Bat and Gray Bat Habitat Conservation Guidelines in Illinois

Amendment IL-2 and attachments to the National Environmental Compliance Handbook will be added to the Illinois NRCS Employee Intranet web site and can be accessed at:

<http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/nrcsemp/directives/index.html>.

The attachments to the National Environmental Compliance Handbook are also available on the NRCS Illinois NRCS homepage under Environmental Compliance and can be accessed at:
<http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/envcom/index.html>


ACTING FOR
WILLIAM J. GRADLE
State Conservationist

DIST: Partner

Attachments:

- IL610.E.71(a) Illinois NRCS Environmental Reviews for Endangered and Threatened Species and Natural Areas.
- IL610.E.71(b) NRCS Bald Eagle Habitat Conservation Guidelines For Illinois
- IL610.E.71(c) Illinois NRCS E&T Review
- IL610.E.71(d) IDNR Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) Instructions For NRCS Field Offices
- IL610.E.71(e) Authorization for NRCS Release of Conservation Plan File Information for Endangered Species Act Consultation
- IL610.E.71(f) NRCS Indiana Bat and Gray Bat Habitat Conservation Guidelines in Illinois