

SUBJECT: ENG – Engineering Job Approval Authority

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Engineering job approval authority is the quality assurance process that ensures conservation practices are properly planned and installed as specified. The practice of engineering is governed by state law and it is through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) established engineering job approval authority process that many of our employees and partners can provide quality engineering assistance by installing quality conservation practices on the ground. Many conservation engineering practices have the potential, upon failure or malfunction to produce significant property damage. In some cases, public health and safety could be affected including loss of life. To minimize the potential for conservation practice failure, all conservation engineering practices must be approved by NRCS employees or personnel under their direct technical supervision in accordance with appropriate earned and assigned engineering job approval authority.

In accordance with the National Engineering Manual TN501.4 – Engineering Job Approval Authority, you are provided the authority to approve engineering jobs up to the limits shown on the attached pages. This authority places full responsibility on you for the adequacy of designs, plans, specifications, and installation for these practices that fall within your assigned limits or job class. Any designs or work exceeding the limitations must be reviewed and approved by an NRCS employee with the appropriate level of engineering job approval authority prior to layout or construction of the engineering practice.

Despite the level of engineering job approval authority issued, you are expected to request additional assistance or review if you encounter complexities with which you are unfamiliar. Such complexities may arise in any type of engineering job, regardless of size.

Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ if you have any questions.

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Area Engineer Signature, Title, and City, TN

Attachment

cc: \_\_\_\_\_  
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