

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Des Moines, IA

Iowa Conservation Practices
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Definition

Conservation Practice Decommissioning is the rendering inoperable of existing equipment or structures before or during replacement with new equipment or structures via conservation technical and/or programmatic (financial) assistance.

Purpose

- » To ensure that conservation goals are being achieved, for example, through improved energy conservation or more efficient operation.
- » To document the decommissioning of existing equipment or structures to ensure proper and final disposal has occurred.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

This practice may be applied where existing equipment or structures are being removed and replaced with similar, but more efficient or effective structures or equipment.

General Criteria and Specifications

A. General Information and Criteria

The Conservation Practice Decommissioning requires that the equipment or structure being removed be disposed of in a manner that ensures that the item is not placed back into use.

The producer shall furnish USDA-NRCS field office documentation detailing how the equipment or structure was decommissioned along with any appropriate maps, sketches, or supporting documentation.

The producer is responsible for complying with all necessary local, state, and federal rule and regulations.

B. Documentation to Prove Decommissioning

One or more of the following methods will be used to document that decommissioning has occurred. The attached sheet(s) can be used to facilitate the documentation.

- NRCS perform a site visit to verify the item has been decommissioned and provide a statement detailing how the item was rendered inoperable on this job sheet.

- NRCS staff, producer, and/or installer of new item provides pictures showing the item rendered inoperable along with a statement detailing the decommissioning.
- Documentation, such as a receipt, from a salvage/recycling business stating that the item will be recycled or destroyed and not be rebuilt or recommissioned.
- Documentation, such as a purchase or installation contract, stating the item will be removed and not placed back into service.

The producer shall notify NRCS if any changes occurs with the planned decommissioning.



Photo courtesy of IA NRCS.

General Information

Site-specific requirements are listed on the specifications sheet. Additional provisions are entered on the job sketch. Only one signature, by the person documenting the decommissioning, is required below.

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| Client: | Farm #: |
| Address: | Tract #: |
| NRCS Staff Filling Out Form: | Date: |
| General Notes: | |

Decommissioning Notes

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| NRCS Staff (Print) Name/Signature: | Notes to Detail Decommissioning: |
| Producer (Print) Name/Signature: | |
| Installer/Manufacturer (Print) Name/Signature: | |
| Date Signed: | |
| Additional Notes: | |