

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WORK**

**LAND RECLAMATION, ABANDONED MINED LAND
CODE 543**

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documentation that will demonstrate that the criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with other planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client.
 - c. Impacts on adjacent properties and structures.
 - d. Compliance with NRCS national and state utility safety policy (NEM Part 503-Safety, Subpart A - Engineering Activities Affecting Utilities 503.00 through 503.6). This includes proof of contacting *Arkansas One Call* (866-237-5028) ten days prior to the commencement of construction activities to have underground utilities located in the work area.
 - e. Practice standard criteria related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Structural and Materials
 - ii. Safety
 - iii. Environmental Considerations (e.g. water quality)
 - iv. Site preparation requirements
 - v. Requirements for final cover
 - vi. Water disposal requirements
 - vii. Vegetation requirements
 - viii. Provisions for restoration of borrow area
 - ix. Additional provisions, as required, to maintain or improve visual quality, protect public health and general welfare.
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits (see Arkansas NRCS Construction Specifications and Job Sheet for Practice Standard 543).
3. Operation and Maintenance Plan
4. Design Report and Inspection Plan as appropriate (NEM Part 511, Subpart B Documentation, 511.11 and Part 512, Subpart D Quality Assurance Activities, 512.30 through 512.32).
5. Certifications that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations (Arkansas NRCS Job Sheet for Practice Standard 543; NEM Subpart A, 505.3).
6. Design modifications during installation as required.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre Installation conference with client and contractor.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Installation inspection (according to inspection plan as appropriate).
 - a. Actual materials used.
 - b. Inspection records
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the installation process and materials meets design and permit requirements (Arkansas NRCS Job Sheet for Practice Standard 543).

CHECKOUT

Deliverables

1. As-Built documentation.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Drawings
 - c. Final quantities
2. Certification that the installation meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits (Arkansas NRCS Job Sheet for Practice Standard 543; NEM Subpart A, 505.3).
3. Progress reporting.

REFERENCES

- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality – Mining Division
<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/mining/default.htm> or call (501) 682-0807.
- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (Arkansas eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land, 543.
- NRCS National Engineering Manual (NEM) Part 631, Chapter 32.
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook

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