

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR  
FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT**

**CODE 374**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Desc. \_\_\_\_\_

Ident. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_

A properly operated and maintained farmstead energy improvement system is an asset to your farm. The energy improvement system is applied as part of a conservation management system to reduce energy use. The estimated life span of this application is at least 10 years. The life of this installation can be ensured by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

- Retain and update records for a minimum of 5 years from the beginning of operation of measure implementation. Recommended records to be retained include the following: (1) monthly utility bills, fuel purchases, and yield of agricultural commodities and (2) documentation of maintenance conducted on the replacement or retrofitted system and related components or devices.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance for satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

**Specific Recommendations for This Project**

**General Recommendations**

- Operate and maintain replacement and retrofitted systems or related components and devices in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Maintain records to document the implementation or energy improvements.

**If you need additional technical assistance to implement the operation and maintenance plan for this practice, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government).**