

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR**

SPOIL SPREADING

CODE 572

Name _____

Ident. No. _____

Legal Desc. _____

County _____

A properly operated and maintained spoil spreading area is an asset to your property. This practice was designed and installed to dispose of excess soil from construction activities in an environmentally sound manner that minimizes soil erosion, protects water quality, and fits with the land use and landscape. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 1 year. The life of this installation can be ensured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

- Maintain spoil area surfaces in good condition and replace protective vegetation as soon as possible.
- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilizing, and applying herbicides when necessary. Control undesirable species and/or noxious weeds as necessary. Mow periodically or use short-term grazing as needed to control height.

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

General Recommendations

- Inspect spoil disposal areas not used for crop production within 6 months after spreading. Fill or repair any excessive rills or gullies. Reseed vegetation as necessary on the repaired areas.
- Supplement normal fertilizer application on spoil areas used for crop production with manure or other organic waste to increase soil fertility.

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