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SECTION III

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- **Fiscal Year 2014 CONSERVATION ACTIVITY PLANS (CAPS) –**
 - **The key changes for FY 2014 include the following:**
 - **CAP 104** Nutrient Management Plan -This CAP is now focused on the development of a "Nutrient Management Plan" per 590 Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Nutrient Management. The revised CAP no longer requires associated practices to be planned as part of land treatment. The approach assumes NRCS has developed a conservation plan that includes nutrient management as one of the planned practices. The technical service provider (TSP) proficiencies for this CAP have also been revised.
 - **CAP 108** Feed Management Plan is new for FY 2014. The CAP 108 is a feed management plan that is a farm-specific plan developed for a client to address manipulation and control of the quantity and quality of available nutrients, feedstuffs, and/or additives fed to livestock and poultry.
 - **CAP 112** Prescribed Burning Plan is new for FY 2014. The CAP 112 is a prescribed burning plan that is a site-specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concern on land through the use of fire.
 - **CAP 122** Headquarters Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) and the revised 124 CAP, Agricultural Energy Management Plan (Landscape AgEMP), have additional tables added to document the energy audit and document the energy and air quality benefits. This table or a similar table with the same information is to be documented in the delivered CAP plan.
 - **CAP 124** Agriculture Energy Management Plan Landscape has been revised to be in the form of an energy audit for landscape field operations. The TSP proficiency for this CAP has also been revised. The CAP 124 requires a more comprehensive energy audit of the field operations and may be completed by TSPs with same proficiencies as the CAP 122 Headquarters AgEMP.
 - **CAP 150** Oil Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) is not offered during FY 2014. Per National Bulletin 210-13-09, March 8, 2013, EQIP financial assistance for developing SPCC plans was intended to help producers develop these plans by May 13, 2013, to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory requirements. The agency allowed SPCC CAPs to be approved through the end of FY 2013 and intends to continue to review and approve these plans for existing program contracts. NRCS will also continue to provide technical and financial support to help producers implement approved SPCC plans and conservation practices needed to address EPA requirements to manage accidental on-farm oil spills. Additional guidance will be provided in a bulletin from the Science and Technology deputy area.
 - Some CAPs have been revised to be more focused on the typical resource concerns and practices associated with the CAP.
 - **NRCS has responsibility for completion of the NRCS-CPA-52.**
 - As in FY 2013, there is no requirement for TSPs to complete portions of Form NE-CPA-52, "NRCS Environmental Evaluation Worksheet," and program payment does

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not include time to complete this document. Qualified NRCS staff must complete the entire NE-CPA-52 for CAPs prior to approval of the CAP contract. The TSP proficiencies on the TSP Web site were revised in FY 2010 to reflect this change and should encourage more TSPs to seek certification to complete.

- **Plan CAP Templates:** In addition to technical planning criteria, some CAPs are also supported by a "plan template," which provides a direct outline of the essential information that must be addressed in the plan. These templates also help field office staff document, review and approve of completed plans. The following CAPs are supported with plan templates:
 - 106 – Forest Management Plan
 - 114 – Integrated Pest Management Plan
 - 134 – Conservation Plan Supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dryland Plan
 - 138 – Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition
 - 154 – Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan.
- **Planning requirements** for the 122 AgEMP CAP (Headquarters AgEMP) for headquarters require that all lands associated with farm headquarters operations be addressed in the CAP contract, and the 124 CAP AgEMP (Landscape AgEMP) requires that all lands in the agricultural operation, excluding headquarters areas, be addressed in the CAP contract. NRCS staff should advise all applicants for the 124 and 122 CAPs that they must include all farm operations identified by Farm Service Agency "Farm Records" in the application. Separate CAP applications for the 124 and 122 from the same participant on different land units should not be approved as such contracts would not meet the technical requirements of the AgEMP planning criteria.

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