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SUBJECT: ECS – Best Management Practices for Ash and Sediment Deposits on Irrigated Lands

Purpose: To distribute information to area and field offices.

Effective Date: Effective upon receipt.

Filing Instructions: Technical notes are accessible online at the NRCS New Mexico Technical Resources website: <http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/tech-notes/agro.html>

Explanation:

Ash and soil sediments that have deposited on irrigated cropland and pasturelands may have an effect on reducing soil aeration, infiltration rates and increased soil surface pH, depending on the amount of deposition within the fields. The composition of ash/sediments that is transported and deposited on downstream fields varies from field to field and within the field. Additionally, fire suppressants used to extinguish forest fires may find their way onto irrigated lands.

This Technical Note provides information and guidance dealing with irrigated crops and pastures impacted by sediment and ash deposits resulting from wildfires.

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