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SUBJECT: ECS – Biosecurity

Puropse: To distribute information to area and field offices.

Effective Date: Effective upon receipt.

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

Explanation: Tech Note 13 provides guidance on precautions necessary for every NRCS employee that visits a farm, especially an animal feeding operation.

NRCS visits farms for inventory and evaluation in the planning process, developing a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning, collecting topographic survey data, completing a site assessment for a waste storage facility and other purposes. During these activities, there is a high likelihood of coming into contact with animal manure. Animal manure is a common medium of transmission for many harmful disease agents.

NRCS staff must also take precautions to prevent inadvertently spreading plant pathogens and invasive pests between field sites during a farm visit.

For additional details see:
http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/biosecurity-basics-for-nrcs-farm-visits

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