

# Standard Statements

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## A. Soil Erosion

### **Standard Statement 1 – Meets the Tolerable (T) Level of Soil Loss**

The estimated soil loss rate for cropland in this conservation plan meets the tolerable (T) rate of soil loss over the planned crop rotation. Potential and existing gullies have been or will be treated through this plan. The customer agrees to maintain the cropping system as described in the Conservation Crop Rotation narrative and/or job sheet included in this plan.

The attached RUSLE2 Plan View report shows the estimated soil loss based on the planned cropping system. Flexibility within the system is permitted provided erosion is not increased. The narrative and job sheet describe changes to the system that would likely increase erosion. If the customer makes changes to the system that increase erosion, s/he is responsible for acquiring a new soil loss calculation and ensuring that the soil loss rate of the new cropping system does not exceed T.

The customer is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, rights, or notifications, and for complying with all State, Federal, and local laws and regulations pertaining to the application of the planned conservation practices identified in this plan.

### **Standard Statement 2 – Exceeds (T), in Compliance with HELC (for Land Subject to Food Security Act)**

The soil loss rate for cropland in this conservation plan exceeds the tolerable (T) rate of soil loss over the planned crop rotation. Potential and existing gullies have been or will be treated through this plan. The planned system complies with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) compliance provisions of the Food Security Act. This plan should not be assumed to meet other federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to soil erosion. Additional structural and/or management practices are needed to meet T.

The customer is responsible for maintaining a HELC compliant system. The Conservation Crop Rotation narrative and/or job sheet included in this plan provide flexibility to make changes in rotation and still maintain HELC compliance. The attached RUSLE2 Plan View report describes the cropping system used to calculate the estimated soil loss rate. The narrative and job sheet describe changes to the system that would likely increase erosion. If the customer makes changes to the system that increase erosion, s/he is responsible for acquiring a new soil loss calculation and ensuring that the soil loss rate of the new cropping system maintains soil loss at or below the rate of the previous system.

The customer is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, rights, or notifications, and for complying with all State, Federal, and local laws and regulations pertaining to the application of the planned conservation practices identified in this plan.

### **Standard Statement 3 – Exceeds T – Not Subject to Food Security Act Compliance**

The soil loss rate of this plan, as identified in the attached RUSLE2 report, exceeds the tolerable (T) rate of soil loss over the planned crop rotation and/or gullies may be present in cropland. Additional structural and/or management practice changes are needed to meet T. The land addressed in this conservation plan is not subject to Food Security Act provisions. This plan should not be assumed to meet federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to soil erosion.

The customer is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, rights, or notifications, and for complying with all State, Federal, and local laws and regulations pertaining to the application of the planned conservation practices identified in this plan.

