

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD**

**VERTICAL DRAIN  
CODE 630**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Landowner/Operator \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Location \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Farm/Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The life of this installation can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with NRCS assistance, and is required to achieve the intended function, benefits, and life of the practice. The landowner/operator is responsible to establish and implement an inspection and maintenance program. Items to inspect and maintain during the 10-year design life of the practice include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Inspect inlets to vertical drains periodically to insure that they are not plugged or damaged, especially after heavy rains, and at least once annually to identify repair and maintenance needs. Vertical drains will need periodic maintenance throughout the lifespan.
2. Vegetative filters, sediment basins, and other filters shall be maintained as per Operation and Maintenance requirements for each of the respective practice standards.