



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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SUBJECT: ENG - Request for Variance from Requirements in NHCP Practice Standard 309, Agrichemical Handling Facility, Washington

TO: Lawrence A. Johnson, P.E.
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File Code: 210

Your request of July 18, 2013, is granted for a variance from the National Conservation Practice Standard code 309, Agrichemical Handling Facility, to replace the minimum setback distance for cranberry operations with:

- *The minimum setback distance from open water for enclosed facilities (walls and roof) from open water is 10 feet. This criterion applies only to cranberry operations.*

Please provide feedback on the variance and other suggestions for future revision needs of the standard. Such information will help us build the practice documentation file and determine if that portion of the national standard should be revised. This variance shall remain in effect until the national standard is revised or monitoring in the state indicates the needs are not being met.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure that appropriate procedures and policies are being followed for the implementation of engineering conservation practices in Washington. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the National Environmental Engineer at (202) 720-4485.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Noller P. Herbert, P.E.".

NOLLER P. HERBERT, P.E.
Director
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cc:

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