

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
WEST VIRGINIA
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS
WELL DECOMMISSIONING
CODE 351

Landowner/Operator _____

County _____ CD _____ Farm/Tract No. _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

This well decommissioning project was implemented to remove an existing well from use in an environmentally safe manner. The estimated life span of the system is at least 20 years. The life of the practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a systematic operation and maintenance program.

This practice requires periodic O&M to properly manage and keep the system in good repair. Items for consideration are:

- Accumulation of trash or other material on these areas is prohibited. Fencing, signs, or other improvements constructed around the closed structure shall also be maintained.
- Inspect at least annually to identify repair and maintenance needs.
- Areas around the well shall be seeded and a vigorous growth of vegetation established and maintained. Reseed and fertilize as necessary to maintain the stand and promote growth.
- Drainage patterns around the well shall be maintained. Any settlement shall be filled and seeded to maintain positive drainage.
- Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage to any earthfills, spillways, outlets or other appurtenances.
- Check frequently for burrowing animals. When found, remove the burrowing animals, replace embankment materials, and reseed or resurface as needed.

Additional Operation and Maintenance requirements specific to this plan:

Inspection Date	Items to be Repaired and Corrective Action Taken	Repair Date
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Contact your local NRCS office for any additional technical assistance you might need for implementation of this O&M plan.

This O&M Plan was discussed and copy provided to the Landowner/Operator.

Signed _____ Date _____
Responsible NRCS Employee/ Conservation Planner

Signed _____ Date _____
Cooperator