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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 180-9-01

SUBJECT: CPA - NEW MEXICO WATER CONSERVATION TAX CREDIT

TO: All Field Office Employees

Purpose. To provide guidance and information on the New Mexico Water Conservation Tax Credit.

Expiration Date. December 31, 2009.

New Mexico Department of Agriculture has been directed to promulgate administrative rules for implementation of an agriculture water conservation tax credit. New Mexico Department of Agriculture engaged the required agencies and the public in the development of the rule. Notice of proposed rule making was published in the NM Register on August 29, 2008. Written comments were solicited in that notice.

On September 22, 2008, New Mexico Department of Agriculture conducted a public hearing to receive comment on the agriculture water conservation tax credit rule. The New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved the rules on October 30, 2008.

The rules became effective upon publication in the New Mexico Register on December 1, 2008. Please click on the following link to access the rule on the New Mexico Register web site. The tax credit rules are listed at the top under the heading "Agriculture, Department of".

[NM Register Volume XIX Number 22](#)

Within this rule the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Districts) are responsible for providing water conservation plan review and certification. In addition the "United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service publication, New Mexico Water Management Handbook" is referenced in the rule for suggestions on improvements in irrigation systems or water management methods. As a result many districts have contacted NRCS for copies of the handbook and additional information on water conservation. The electronic version of the handbook is published on the New Mexico NRCS web site under the Agronomy Technical Notes at <http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/tech-notes/agro.html>.

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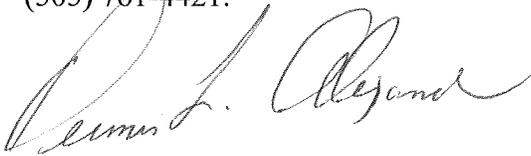
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Additional NRCS information on Conservation Practice Physical Effects (CPPE) can be found in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide in Section V at the following web site.

<http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/fotg/section-5/sec5home.html>

If you have any questions, please contact George Chavez, State Resource Conservationist, at (505) 761-4421.

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