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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 120-10-5

SUBJECT: ADS-AGREEMENT-ANNUAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS-DAMS

To: All Offices

ACTION REQUIRED: NOVEMBER 30, 2010

Purpose: To emphasize the need for conducting Annual O&M Inspections on all Watershed Dams. (Reference: Title 180 - National Operations & Maintenance Manual, Part 500, Subpart A, Section 500.02.)

Effective Date: Upon Receipt.

Expiration Date: December 30, 2010.

Attached is a list of active O&M Agreements. Each agreement requires the Sponsor to submit an annual report regarding O&M activities for the past year. **Annual reports are due by November 30, 2010.**

It is important that Sponsors conduct thorough inspections of these structures on an annual basis. NRCS personnel are not required to accompany the Sponsors to each structure, but may if workloads and schedules allow.

All reports for a dam must include: NM-ADS-126, "Informal Dam Safety and O&M Inspection Report, maintenance activities completed, and scheduled activities.

DC's, and in some cases RC&D Coordinators, must inform their local sponsors of the need to conduct annual inspections. List in the remarks section of the NM-ADS-126 all pertinent information, especially O&M work called for in previous inspections, but not accomplished.

Send completed inspection reports to the State Office Engineering Section, attention Eduardo Zuniga. Provide a copy to Glifford Sánchez, ASTC/Water Resources.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis L. Alexander".

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Attachments

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