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**NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 210-10-3**

**SUBJECT:** ENG – CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS 642-7 AND 642-94

**TO:** All Employees

**Purpose.** To end usage of the two cited NEH construction specifications.

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2010

**Action.** NEH Construction Specifications 7 (Construction Surveys) and 94 (Contractor Quality Control) will no longer be incorporated into engineering designs for the CTA, Farm Bill or Acequia programs.

If these specifications are included in an ISC or NMED approved project, the project should proceed to construction with the specifications as designed. However, when the job goes to construction, contact the Area Engineer to remind them that the project includes these specifications.

**Background.** Over the last year, the subject specifications have been used in several projects on an experimental basis. Following are key results of these trials:

1. Inspection time by NRCS was not substantially reduced.
2. The agreement between ISC and NRCS reimburses NRCS for construction inspection.
3. The contractor has not always provided desired testing.
4. The producer or acequia representative does not generally have the knowledge and background to properly enforce these two specifications.

On project work where NRCS is the contracting agency and has on-site personnel, these specifications have reduced NRCS on-site staff and testing. On these projects, these two specifications have been effective and will continue to be used.

If you have any questions, please contact State Conservation Engineer Roger Ford at (505) 761-4430.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis L. Alexander", followed by the word "ACTING" in capital letters.

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