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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: *KH*
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SUBJECT: Grouping of Watering Tank Components

During the Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, the commission approved grouping the watering tank components beginning with fiscal year (FY) 2013 contracts. Any relevant changes to the Cost-Share Handbook will be included in the FY13 update.

The new rate for permanent watering tanks systems will be \$1,100.00, which will be an \$825.00 payment to landowners. The permanent watering tank system payment includes the watering tank, concrete pad, gravel, and geotextile fabric, etc, along with the installation of these components. The proposed payment for permanent watering tanks was based on the statewide averages of sequence component numbers 496, 497, 498, and 502 for tanks, 55 for concrete pad, 51 for gravel, and 63 for geotextile fabric.

The new rate for portable/seasonal watering tank systems will be \$186.66, which will be a \$140.00 payment to landowners. The statewide payment average for portable watering tanks was based on sequence component number 501.

The program greatly appreciates the comments submitted by districts to help develop the new component groupings. While the program based the grouping payments on the statewide average, some districts currently spend much less on their tanks, often setting a maximum payment or limiting the type of tanks. The program encourages these districts to continue to use their local discretion to set a maximum payment that is lower than the state payment rate so they can provide cost-share funds to more landowners in the county. For example, a county may prefer to set a lower payment rate only for tire tanks because of a lesser actual cost to landowners, allowing the district to put more conservation practices on the ground than if they paid the full state cost-share payment rate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Soil and Water Conservation Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or by phone at 573-751-6777.

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