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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 14, 2011

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Ken *Ku* Struempf, District Operations Section  
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: **Supplemental Cost-Share Allocation Reminder – Deadline October 14<sup>th</sup>**

During the commission conference call on Friday, September 9, 2011, the commission approved allocating an additional \$5 million for the fiscal year (FY) 2012 supplemental allocation. As in FY11, the supplemental allocations will be made to each resource concern that has met a set percentage (70%) of obligated, plus pending contracts within MoSWIMS (percentage may be lower based upon review of the numbers) as of the close of business on Friday, October 14. District boards should review their local policies and procedures to ensure the district is positioned to receive additional funds. In FY11, the Supplemental Allocation provided 90 percent of districts with additional funding.

During the fund status review, the program will take into consideration the amount of obligated plus pending funds within MoSWIMS. Pending contracts entered into the system must have a conservation plan, be designed to determine components and extents for the contract, and field validated to ensure the requirements (i.e. erosion) are present. As a reminder, pending funds are tracked once components/extents are associated to a contract. Having districts follow this guidance for pending contracts, will allow the program to continue to utilize pending as a determination for the supplemental allocation. If invalid pending contracts are entered into the system, this could jeopardize the ability to utilize pending as an indicator of landowner interest.

The supplemental allocation will place an additional \$5 million into regular cost-share, bringing the total allocated to \$27 million. The program will utilize MoSWIMS to manage the spending authority within the resource concerns to utilize the full \$24 million appropriation in the fiscal year 2012 budget. Based upon landowner commitments, MoSWIMS will be used to stop approval of new contracts once the appropriated authority is met through landowner obligations.

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Once the appropriation is met, minor change orders may be allowed to board approved contracts to meet design changes for practice implementation. Prior to MoSWIMS being locked down, the districts will be able to delete contracts and sign up new landowners with the funds that become available. Districts are encouraged to make the best use of the funds available through closely managing active contracts. This may be accomplished through establishing realistic and earlier termination dates than have been utilized in the past.

Thank you for your continued efforts in conserving Missouri's agricultural resources. If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator.

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