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TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Jim Plassmeyer, Director *JP*
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SUBJECT: **N340 Cover Crop Practice**

Beginning with FY27 cover crop contracts, there are changes to the contract development process that will capture the erosion benefits of the practice. When building contracts in MoSWIMS, the sheet and rill pre-erosion and post-erosion rates will have to be entered before contract submission. The cover crop practice does not require a policy change because the policy has always stated the pre and post erosion rates need to be recorded in MoSWIMS. In addition, all state cost-share contracts for cover crop practices will need the reduce sheet, rill, and wind erosion purpose checked on the MO NRCS Cover Crop Implementation Requirement (Code 340) form. This will require the before and after soil erosion information to be entered on the form in the Additional Criteria section. Cover Crop practice planners can select other purposes for the practice in addition to reduce sheet, rill, and wind erosion. If there are any questions about calculating or documenting the erosion information, please reach out to NRCS partners for training and assistance.

The program office appreciates SWCD boards, staff, and partners working toward meeting conservation goals and continued efforts in implementing the N340 Cover Crop practice throughout the state. The soil erosion information will assist the program in quantifying the benefits of the practice. If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.

