




MEMORANDUM

2018-008

DATE: December 14, 2017

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:  Jim Plassmeyer, Environmental Supervisor
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Request for Comments on Practice Policies

Once again it is time for districts to provide comments on practice policies following the process approved by the Soil and Water Districts Commission. The comments will be utilized by the Current Practices Committee to evaluate any potential adjustments to policies. The practices to provide comments on for this round of reviews are the structural practices in the Sheet and Rill/Gully Erosion Resource Concerns which include:

DSL-4	Terraces
DSL-44	Terraces with Tile
DWC-01	Water Impoundment
DWP-03	Sod Waterway
DSL-05	Diversion
DWP-01	Sediment Retention, Erosion or Water Control Structure
N410	Drop Pipe

Districts have 60 days to provide their comments on the listed practices. Attached are some questions to help the district in the assessment of the practice policies. Comments are not limited to answering the questions nor does the district have to provide comments on all the practices. When submitting comments, make sure to indicate to which practice the comments apply.

During the October 11, 2017, meeting, the Commission heard a policy variance request from a district on the N574 Spring Development practice regarding the 300-foot cost-share limit on pipe and trenching. The Commission requested the practices committee evaluate the footage limit policy. Therefore, please provide the district's comments on the 300-foot policy limit for the spring development practice. To assist the committee in evaluating the impacts of the 300-foot limit, additional information is needed from districts on contracts from the last three fiscal years (FY15, 16 and 17).

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How many spring development contracts were completed in each of the last three fiscal years?

Of those contracts, how many had footage of pipe from the collection point to the outlet that was over 300 feet and what was the total footage installed?

How many landowners chose not to do the practice because of the 300-foot limit?

Please submit comments via email to the soil&waterconservationprogram@swcd.mo.gov by February 2, 2018. Thank you.

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Attachment

Questions for District Consideration

What currently is making the practice successful and needs to continue?

Are there limitations in the policies that are prohibiting the practice from being successful? If so, what are they?

Does the district have any suggestions for improvements or changes to current policies for the practice?

Does the district have any suggestions on policies to add to the practice?

