

Early Start Waiver for EQIP Application Number: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____ County: _____

Policy in Manual, Title 440-CPM, Part 530-Working Lands Conservation Program Manual, Subpart C., 530.23B, "Early Start Waivers," declares "State Conservationists (STC), at their discretion, may grant an early start waiver based on an evaluation of the specific circumstances for which the applicant is requesting the waiver and a determination that the applicant did not start the conservation practice or activity prior to approval of the waiver."

Due to the suspended processing of livestock (mainly swine), the STC grants this waiver for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications related to the disposal of swine carcasses, under the following conditions:

- A waiver request letter was provided to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and was addressed to the STC. The waiver request letter identified Emergency Animal Mortality Management (Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 368) as the practice to be installed.
- The request was based on the time-sensitive need to establish the practice.
- The practice will be applied according to NRCS criteria.

This waiver is contingent upon the understanding that the applicant did not start the identified practice before the date this waiver is granted. Also, the applicant is advised that he/she will be ineligible to receive any EQIP payments in connection with the practice, if any of the following occurs:

- **The contract is not approved.**
- **The practice is not completed in a manner that meets NRCS standards and specifications.**
- **The requested practice is not included in the approved conservation plan for EQIP funding.**


This waiver will expire on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. **If the applicant's contract is not approved by this date, he/she will not be reimbursed for any expenses associated with implementing the practice.**

The applicant should contact his/her local NRCS Field Office to verify practice criteria or other information before starting the conservation practice. This waiver is applicable only to the starting date for the practice listed above and does not constitute approval of either the EQIP contract or any other conservation practices. All other practice requirements must be met.

I have determined the applicant is eligible and concur with issuing this early start waiver.

District Conservationist

Date


State Conservationist