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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-7-18

SUBJECT: FNM-MEETINGS-Minnesota Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils Summer Meeting

Purpose. To provide authorization information for attendance at the Minnesota Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (MARC&D) Conference and Summer Meeting.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2007.

The summer meeting of the Minnesota Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils will be held on September 11 and 12, 2007. This year's conference will provide an opportunity to learn about renewable energy projects and Renewable Energy Clean Air Project (RECAP) and its plasma gasification technology. The theme for this meeting will be how RC&D projects can help communities reach a level of energy independence and economic revitalization.

The following employees are authorized to attend on government time and expense:

- State Conservationist, all Assistant State Conservationists, and State Public Affairs Specialist.
- District Conservationists and staff working with RC&D Councils.
- Other NRCS Field and Area Staff recommended by the ASTC (FO) and approved by the State Conservationist.

Registrations should be sent directly to Laurentian RC&D, this year's host, as indicated on the registration form. Meals on the registration are an integral part of the meeting and should be deducted from your travel expense if paid through registration. Assistant State Conservationists (FO) should submit a list of approved, registered participants to John Beckwith, RC&D State Program Manager if they are to be paid with a State Office prepared invoice. Travel authorizations for those approved outside the State Office will be prepared at the applicable Area level.

A block of rooms has been reserved for September 11, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, 1500 Highway 71, International Falls, MN 56649. **Please call the hotel by August 31, 2007** to make your room reservations at 1-218 283-8000 and tell them you are attending the MARC&D Summer meeting. A room rate of \$60 plus tax has been established for this conference.

/s/

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State Conservationist

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