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SUBJECT: PDM— REVIEW OF RAPID WATERSHED ASSESSMENT (RWA) RESOURCE PROFILES

**Action Required Within 30 Days of Receipt of Draft Resource Profile(s)**

Purpose. To request input from District Conservationists, Area Resource Conservationists and Assistant State Conservationists for Field Operations on the content and accuracy of the information provided in the Resource Profile components of the Rapid Watershed Assessments (RWA) being conducted in the watersheds contained within their respective county borders.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

RWA Resource Profiles are inventory documents organizing relevant data that local conservationists, landowners and others can use to identify conservation problems and opportunities. These assessments help landowners and local leaders set priorities and determine the best actions to achieve their goals. Rapid watershed assessments provide a foundation for watershed or area planning. They will be valuable for Farm Bill program delivery and provide useful information for county, watershed and regional planners.

This project utilizes existing county, state and federal data sets and planning products and resources. For example, Soil and Water Conservation District's "Land and Water Resource Management Plans" were used to identify the local resources concerns for the watersheds. As such, it is important to ensure accuracy in the information that is being presented at the local watershed level. Input from the District Conservationists, Area Resource Conservationists and Assistant State Conservationists for Field Operations will improve this accuracy as they are the most familiar with the on-the-ground conditions.

Additionally, in watersheds where tribal lands exist, it is important to have support and collaboration with our tribal partners. In such cases it is being requested that the District Conservationist or Tribal Liaison work with the tribal partners ensuring that information is presented in the most accurate and collaborative manner.

Draft resource profiles will be sent directly to the employees with responsibility in the specific watershed. Individual employees may receive more than one resource profile depending on the number of watersheds they are responsible for. After receipt of the draft resources profile there will be a 30-day window for comments on the draft resource profiles. Once the input/review is completed by the field personnel and tribal partners are consulted, the resource profiles will again be uploaded to the RWA webpage and be made available to the public for download.



Questions and/or suggestions may be directed to Allan Sommer, Watershed Economist, (651) 602-7886, [allan.sommer@mn.usda.gov](mailto:allan.sommer@mn.usda.gov).

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