

**CRP NOTE #113**  
**February 10, 2004**

**CRP Environmental Evaluations**

The Farm Service agency at the National level has made an agreement to accept the revised NRCS-CPA-052 in the cases of all CRP contracts. This is in lieu of completing the FSA850 by NRCS. NRCS and other TSP's will continue to provide a completed document to FSA, but rather than an 850 it will be the newly revised NRCS-CPA-052.

Based upon the recommendations and findings in the NRCS-CPA-052, the CED must decide to either consult with SHPO/THPO or FWS as appropriate or sign the NRCS-CPA-052 in the shaded area on the back of the form (Sections O-R). Any necessary consultations must be completed prior to the CED signing NRCS-CPA-052. FSA will not proceed with the contract approval until the 052 is signed by both NRCS and FSA. This document will then be placed in the producer file along with whatever other supporting documentation is necessary to ensure that the CED took the appropriate action. As always the responsibility for actual consultation in the case of Cultural Resource and T and E issues rests with FSA.

**PROCEDURE:**

Complete Sections A-E and J-N (as appropriate) of Form NRCS-CPA-052. Sections F-I pertain to the inventory of resource concerns (SWAPA+H) and may be addressed during the planning process.

The environmental concern descriptions and references currently found in the National Planning Procedures Handbook (MN Amendment 17, April 2003) are to be used. For a list of CRP Cultural Resource undertakings, refer to FSA Notice EQ-108 (attached).

If none of the special environmental concerns are present:

- Indicate "N/A" in Section K - "proposed action" column, as well as Sections L, M.
- Sign and date Section N.
- Provide the NRCS-CPA-052 to FSA for a "finding" determination (Sections O-R).

If the inventory indicates that one or more special environmental concerns are present:

- Complete Section K - "proposed action" column of the worksheet prior to contract approval by indicating whether the proposed practice will have a positive (+), potentially adverse (-) or no effect (0) on the concern. Indicate clearly what effect has been identified and the reasons for determining whether the effect is positive, potentially adverse or no effect. Include adequate supporting documentation.
- Sign and date Section N.
- Provide the NRCS-CPA-052 to FSA for a "finding" determination and potential for permits or mitigation measures (Sections L, M and O-R).

**ATTACHMENTS:** NRCS-CPA-052 and instructions.  
FSA Notice EQ-108 "Undertakings under the National Historic Preservation Act".

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