

Subpart 531A Geologic Investigations**MN531.00 General**

On all jobs where NRCS provides geologic investigation and/or soil mechanics assistance, permission for geologic investigations and surveys shall be obtained. The permission shall be in writing, and a copy kept in the design folder. Responsibility for seeing that permission is provided for site investigations shall rest with the sponsoring organization on project-type jobs, special jobs, and group-type jobs, and with the landowner on all other projects. On land where land rights have been obtained, the landowner and/or occupant shall be notified several days prior to any field investigations. The district conservationist is responsible for this notification.

MN531.04 Detailed investigations.

Unless the NRCS is preparing a design for a structure, the NRCS will not provide assistance for the detailed geologic investigation of a site.

MN531.08 Erosion, Sediment and pollution control during Site Investigations

All State laws affecting geologic investigations must be followed. Provisions shall be made to seal boreholes in accordance with Health Department Regulations when required.

In areas such as farmsteads or feedlots where there may be a high availability of pollutants, all NRCS borings shall be sealed in such a manner that the boring will not create a pathway for pollutant transport.