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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

The Idaho Soil Conservation Commission has been granted the authority to promulgate rules by Subsection A of Section 22-2718, Idaho Code, and Subsection D of Section 22-2718, Idaho Code. (12-11-89)

001. -- 010. (RESERVED).

011. DEFINITIONS.

01. Antidegradation Plan. The plan in the Final Agreement to implement an Antidegradation Policy for the State of Idaho (August 18, 1988). (12-11-89)

02. Best Management Practice. A practice or combination of practices which are determined to be the most effective, practicable means of preventing or reducing the amount of pollution generated by nonpoint sources. (12-11-89)

03. Commission. The Idaho Soil Conservation Commission as defined in Section 22-2718, Idaho Code. (12-11-89)

04. District. A Soil Conservation District as defined in Section 22-2717, Idaho Code. (12-11-89)

05. Stream Segment of Concern. A specific stream segment or body of water that has been published in the most current final Basin Area Report, which is developed every two years for each of the six (6) basins. (12-11-89)

012. PURPOSE.

The purpose of these rules is to implement the antidegradation plan for agriculture and to formalize existing requirements of five (5) year plan development by each Soil Conservation District. (12-11-89)

013. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

01. Design or Adopt. Each District will, in consultation with the Commission, design or adopt Best Management Practices which, when applied, will protect beneficial uses as identified in the State Water Quality Standards. Best Management Practices that are adopted will be in conformance with Best Management Practices identified in the current Agricultural Pollution Abatement Plan. (12-11-89)

02. Revise. Best Management Practices will be revised as necessary when the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Environmental Quality determines, through the coordinated monitoring program, that beneficial uses are not being protected and State Water Quality Standards are not being met. (12-11-89)

014. -- 024. (RESERVED).

025. FIVE (5) YEAR PLANS.

Each District will prepare a five-year (5) plan for the District. The initial five-year (5) plan must be completed by December 31, 1990 and approved by the Commission in order to receive matching funds from the State. The five-year (5) plans will be reviewed and updated annually by each District. The five-year (5) plan will contain the following components: (12-11-89)

01. Physical Characteristics. Description of the physical characteristics of the District. (12-11-89)

02. Economic Condition and Outlook. Discussion of the economic condition and economic outlook for the District. (12-11-89)

03. Assessment. Assessment of resource conditions, trends, and conservation needs of the District. (12-11-89)
04. Identify and Prioritize Objectives. Identification and prioritization of the District's objectives and activities for the following five (5) years to address problems in resource conditions and conservation needs in the following areas: (12-11-89)
- a. Rangeland. (12-11-89)
 - b. Non-irrigated cropland. (12-11-89)
 - c. Irrigated cropland. (12-11-89)
 - d. Pastureland and hayland. (12-11-89)
 - e. Woodland. (12-11-89)
 - f. Fish and wildlife. (12-11-89)
 - g. Water quality. (12-11-89)
 - h. Information and education. (12-11-89)
05. Water Quality Component. With respect to the water quality component of the plan, the District will use the information collected at Basin Area Meetings convened by the Department of Health and Welfare. Issues surrounding management of water quality in stream segments of concern will be addressed in this portion of the plan. In this respect the plan will include: (12-11-89)
- a. A list of stream segments of concern in the District based on information gained at the most recent Basin Area meeting. (12-11-89)
 - b. A description of water quality in stream segments of concern. (12-11-89)
 - c. A list of impacted waters in the District as described by the Department of Health and Welfare, Nonpoint Source Assessment Report. (12-11-89)
06. Identify and Prioritize Projects. The plan will identify and prioritize conservation projects found by the District to be appropriate for both impacted waters and stream segments of concern as identified from the most recent Basin Area Meeting, Nonpoint Source Assessment Report or from public input received by the District regarding plan development. The Best Management Practices designed or adopted by the District pursuant to Rule 4 will also be included in the plan. (12-11-89)
07. Implementation. Implementation of the five-year (5) plan will be accomplished by annual work plans prepared by the District. The annual plan will address those items and projects that the District plans to accomplish upon consideration of available technical and financial assistance and public support for the proposed project(s). (12-11-89)

026. -- 050. (RESERVED).

051. ANTIDEGRADATION PLAN.

01. Coordination of Plan Implementation. The Commission will be the lead agency for coordinating implementation of the antidegradation plan for agriculture practices through Soil Conservation Districts, as assigned by the Governor's Executive Order No. 88-23. (12-11-89)

02. Participation in Incentive Programs. The Commission will encourage Districts to promote participation in incentive programs including cost share provisions of soil conservation programs and the use of low

interest loans through the Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Loan Program. (12-11-89)

03. Information and Education Programs. The Commission will encourage Districts to conduct information and education programs for farmers, ranchers, and the general public regarding the benefits of soil conservation and proper rangeland use. (12-11-89)

052. -- 999. (RESERVED).