

§ 624.9 Application.

Sponsors may apply to any NRCS office for EWP assistance. NRCS shall help sponsors prepare their applications. The NRCS offices are defined in part 600 of this chapter. Information supplied should include the nature, location, and scope of the problems and the assistance needed.

§ 624.10 Investigation and request for funds.

(a) On receipt of an application for EWP, the State conservationist and regional forester or area director, where appropriate, shall immediately investigate the emergency situation to determine if EWP is applicable. In carrying out EWP work, State conservationists shall take into consideration two broad types or degrees of emergency situations:

(1) An imminent situation of unusual urgency—and exigency—and (2) an emergency requiring action but of less urgency than an imminent situation. (See § 624.5)

(b) Prompt remedial action to eliminate an imminent threat to loss of life

is to be provided when an exigency exists. The State conservationist shall notify Project Development and Maintenance and indicate the nature of the emergency and the estimated amount of funds needed. If funds are made available, the state conservationist may authorize actions necessary to remedy the emergency. The state conservationist shall confirm the situation in a memorandum to the Chief that explains the nature of the emergency, the location of the emergency, the kind of remedial work and funds needed, sponsors, description of potential damage, etc. In these situations, the memorandum from the State conservationist with its brief information constitutes the request for funds.

(c) If an exigency does not exist but the impairment justifies emergency assistance, the state conservationist shall submit a request for funds to the Chief within 60 days after the disaster event. Neither NRCS nor FS may commit funds until notified by the National Office of the availability of funds.