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reduce the salinity levels in the Colorado River. The USDA Salinity Control Report is prepared and published by the Soil Conservation Service with provision for public comment;

(29) *Technical guide* means a document on file in the local SCS office containing technical information and specifications for the conservation of soil, water, plant, animal, and related natural resources specifically applicable to the area for which it is prepared.

(b) In the regulations in this part and in all instructions, forms, and documents in connection therewith, all other words and phrases shall, unless the context of subject matter otherwise requires, have the meanings assigned to them in the regulations governing reconstitutions of farms, allotments and bases, 7 CFR part 719.

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§ 702.3 Administration.

(a) *Farm Service Agency*. (1) The Farm Service Agency (FSA), under the general supervision of the Administrator, FSA, shall administer the program established by this part. This program shall be carried out in the field by State ASC committees (STC) and local county ASC committees (COC).

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, FSA (Deputy Administrator), may determine any question arising under the program provided for in this part, may reverse or modify any determination made by an STC or COC in connection with this program, and may administer any and all phases of this program delegated to the COC, STC, or any employee(s) where the COC, STC, or any employee fails to perform a function required in these regulations. In exercising this authority, the Deputy Administrator may authorize a person or persons to carry out this program for such period of time as is deemed necessary.

(b) *Soil Conservation Service*. (1) The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) shall:

(i) Identify salt source areas in the Colorado River Basin;

(ii) Develop USDA Salinity Control Reports;

(iii) Assist participants in developing salinity control plans; and

(iv) Provide such other technical assistance in the implementation of the CRSC Program as is determined to be necessary.

(2) The Chief, SCS, may determine any question arising under the CRSC Program with respect to the activities of SCS, State Conservationists, and conservation districts.

(3) In developing the USDA Salinity Control Report and implementing the project plan, SCS shall coordinate with other agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of the Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

(c) The Extension Service (ES) shall develop and coordinate information and educational programs and may provide other technical support to carry out the program provided for by this part.

(d) Other USDA agencies such as Cooperative State Research Service (CSRS) and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) may conduct research and may provide other technical support needed to carry out the CRSC Program.

§ 702.4 Applicability.

(a) The provision of this part shall be applicable to areas within the Colorado River Basin that have been identified by SCS as salt source areas.

(b) The program provided for by this part shall be applicable to private lands, Indian tribal lands, lands owned or controlled by irrigation districts or companies, Federal land under the control of the USDA, and State and local government lands.

§ 702.5 Eligible land.

For the purposes of this part, eligible land is land that is within the Colorado River Basin area which:

(a) Has been identified by SCS as a salt source area;

(b) Is the subject of a published USDA Salinity Control Report and an approved project implementation plan;

(c) Has been irrigated at least two years during the period between 1982 and 1986, inclusive; and

(d) Notwithstanding the criteria articulated in paragraphs (a) through (c)