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**§ 1945.1 [Reserved]****§ 1945.2 Purpose.**

This subpart describes and explains the types of incidents which can result in an area being determined a disaster area, thereby making qualified farmers in such areas eligible for Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its

successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Emergency (EM) loans. With respect to natural disasters, it sets forth the responsibility of the Secretary of Agriculture; the factors used in making a natural disaster determination; the relationship between FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); the method for establishing and using Emergency Loan Support Teams (ELST) and Emergency Loan Assessment Teams (ELAT); the training of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 personnel; and disaster related public information functions. The natural disaster determinations/notifications made under this subpart do not apply to any program other than the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 EM loan program. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354's policy is to make EM loans to any otherwise qualified applicant without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age, or physical/mental handicap (provided the applicant can execute a legal contract) as provided by law.

**§§ 1945.3-1945.4 [Reserved]****§ 1945.5 Abbreviations.**

The following abbreviations are used in this subpart.

- (a) ASCS—Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.  
 (b) DAR—Damage Assessment Report.  
 (c) ELAT—Emergency Loan Assessment Team.  
 (d) ELST—Emergency Loan Support Team.  
 (e) EM—Emergency.  
 (f) EOH—USDA Emergency Operations Handbook.  
 (g) FAC—Food and Agriculture Council.  
 (h) FCIC—Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.  
 (i) FCO—Federal Coordinating Officer.  
 (j) FEMA—Federal Emergency Management Agency.  
 (k) FmHA—Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.