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**NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT MANUAL (NFSAM)
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This provides notice that National Bulletin 180-6-9 has been released. The bulletin states that the interim final NRCS Appeals Procedures, 7 CFR 614, issued in the Federal Register on May 16, 2006, is effective as of that date. The Bulletin is located at:

http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/scripts/lpsiis.dll/NB/NB_180_6_9.htm

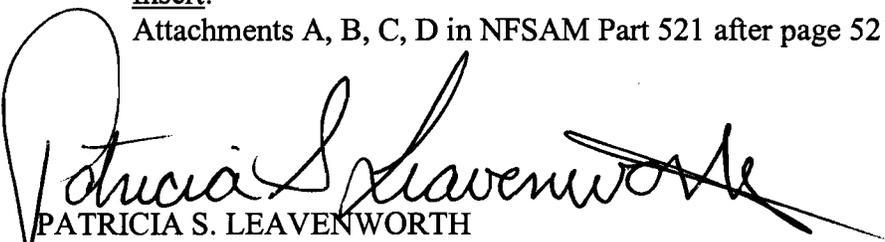
Some of the noteworthy items include:

- Appeal rights are only given for adverse determinations;
- If a participant requests a reconsideration, and it remains an adverse determination, the District Conservationist will forward the file to the State Conservationist for further reconsideration and a final determination;
- For adverse program decisions, the participant may request a hearing with the State Conservationist to provide additional information to NRCS;
- Adverse determinations must: 1) be documented in writing, 2) set forth in a factual basis, 3) explain the application of relevant statute, regulations, and policy, and 4) provide notice of available appeal rights;
- NRCS preliminary and final determinations will be sent by certified mail return receipt requested OR hand delivered with written acknowledgement of delivery by the participant.

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Attachments A, B, C, D in NFSAM Part 521 after page 521-24


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