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**Subject:** Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Dear Sandy Kish-Jordan,

Thank you for your e-mail of April 17, 2009, in regard to Docket Number NRCS-IFR-08005, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Interim Final Rule, as published in the Federal Register. The conservation provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) and the Administrative Procedures Act offer the public the opportunity to submit official comments on Agency regulations and other documents published in the Federal Register during the official public comment period indicated with each published regulatory document.

Regulatory changes generally are being published as interim final rules, enabling full implementation of the programs while public comment is assessed. NRCS acknowledges your recommendation. Your comments will be analyzed and given full consideration in the process of moving to final program rules. The preamble for final rules will include our analysis of public comments and their disposition with regard to the final rules.

Again, thank you for your official comment. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

/s/

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