

WASTE TREATMENT

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service—Practice Code 629



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Waste treatment is the mechanical, chemical, or biological treatment of agricultural waste.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

The purpose of the practice is to change the form or composition of waste as part of an agricultural waste management system. The composition or form of the waste is modified to provide additional utilization alternatives. This includes the separation of liquids and solids (e.g., milk room waste) for further processing or for effective transport and subsequent utilization or treatment in a subsurface drain field; the dilution of raw agricultural waste (e.g., silage leachate), which contains excess or unavailable nutrients for land application based on crop utilization requirements. Value added by-products can be produced to offset treatment costs. Planned mitigating practices include Pest Management (595), Nutrient Management (590), and Waste Utilization (633).

COMMON ASSOCIATED PRACTICES

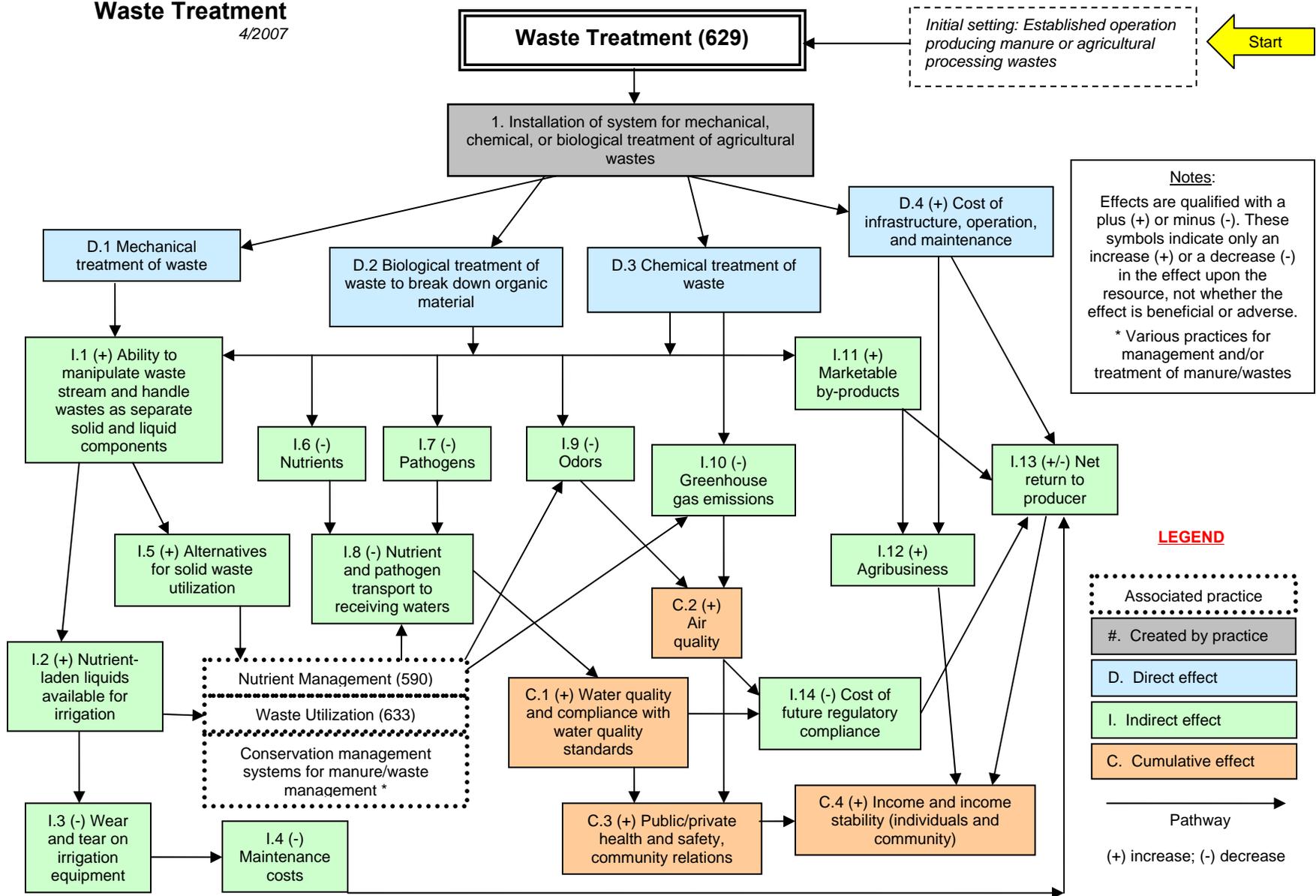
Waste Treatment is commonly used in a Conservation Management System with the following practices:

- Waste Storage Facility (313)
- Waste Treatment Lagoon (359)
- Waste Transfer (634)
- Subsurface Drain (606)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Wastewater Treatment Strip (635)

For further information, refer to the practice standard in the local Field Office Technical Guide and associated specifications and job sheets.

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