

PART 505 - NON-NRCS ENGINEERING SERVICES

SUBPART A - INTRODUCTION

MT505.01(a)

MT505.00(c) General.

(1) If an engineer registered in Montana provides technical assistance to NRCS, or NRCS clients, the project's supporting documents (design, drawings, construction records, etc.) shall be sealed by the non-NRCS engineer. The non-NRCS engineer shall certify on the transmittal to NRCS that the documents, design, drawings, construction records, etc., meet NRCS standards and specifications and all applicable federal and state laws.

(2) "Plans, specifications, plats, drawings, reports, design information, and calculations prepared by a registrant must when issued be signed with a written signature, dated, and stamped with a seal or a seal facsimile." This is stated by State of Montana law in Section 37-67-314 Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors Laws and Rules.

(3) If federal cost sharing is provided on non-project (non PL-566 type) work the non-NRCS technical work shall meet NRCS standards and specifications and all applicable federal and state laws as a minimum.

(4) If federal cost share is provided for project work or if NRCS contracts for work that is/will be provided by the non-NRCS engineer, the work shall meet NRCS standards, specifications, design criteria and all applicable federal and state laws as a minimum.

(5) If the registered professional engineer provides the certification outlined in MT505.00 (c)(1), the NRCS employee with proper approval authority may accept the documents, design, drawings, construction records, etc., after a functional review is completed as defined in 505.03(b)(3), items (i) through (v).

(6) If there is a project failure due to the non-NRCS registered professional engineer(s) documents, design, drawings, or construction oversight, the non-NRCS engineer is responsible both technically and financially for their errors and omissions.

MT505.01 State Criteria.

(a) All non-NRCS engineering technical services for stream stabilization, stream restoration and structures within a stream or river, provided by non-NRCS individuals shall be reviewed, checked and sealed by a registered professional engineer, prior to transmittal to NRCS.

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MT505.01(b)

(b) The Technical Service Provider shall follow the worksheet (MT-ENG-50501b) TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER (TSP) REFERENCES, DOCUMENTATION and PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS on all engineering projects in Montana. These requirements are a summary of references and documentation requirements on NRCS engineering projects. The Technical Service Provider (TSP) References Documentation and Performance Requirements can be located at:

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/eng/worksheets.html>, then select MT-ENG-505.01b.

The hard copy of worksheet MT-ENG-505.01b is located in Chapter 53 of the Montana Supplement to the Engineering Field Handbook.

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