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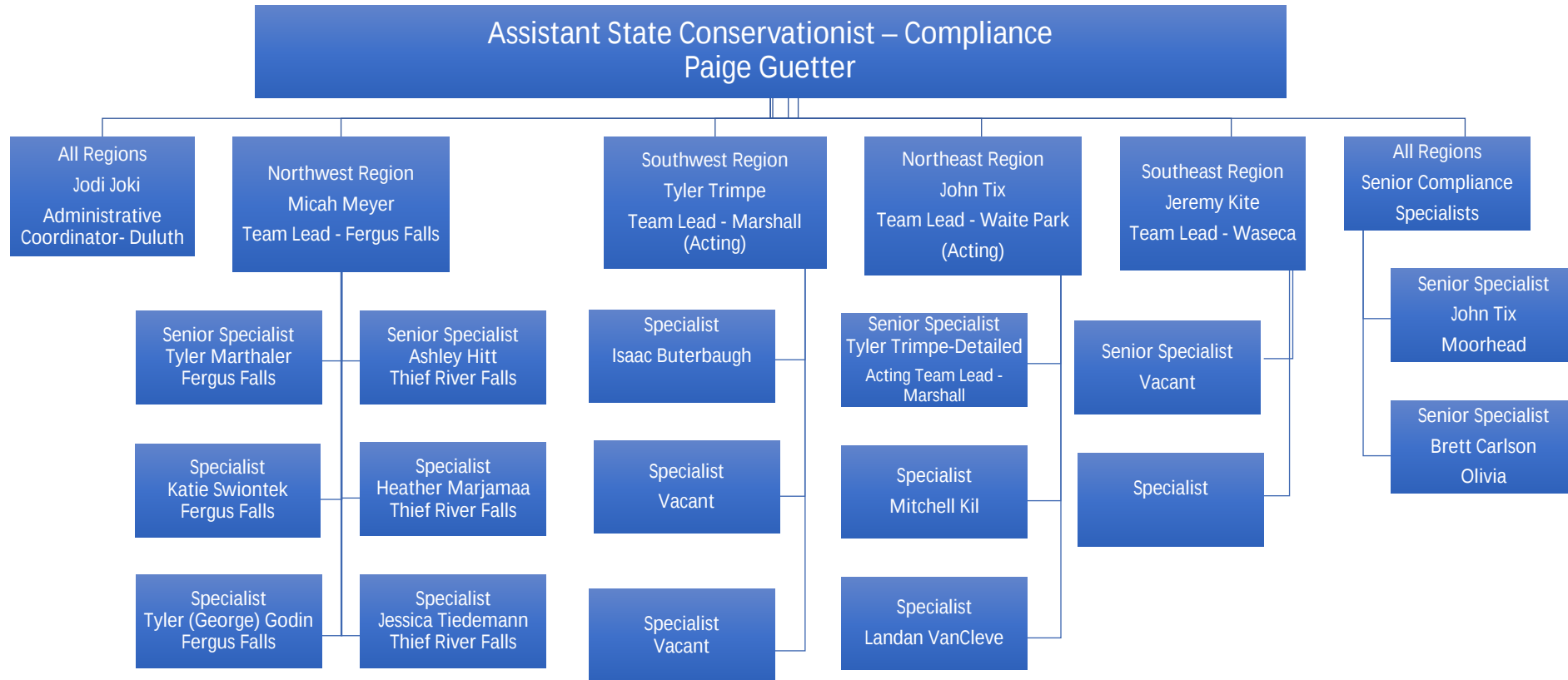


Minnesota Conservation Compliance

MN State Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
October 16, 2024

FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
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Minnesota Compliance Team Organizational Chart



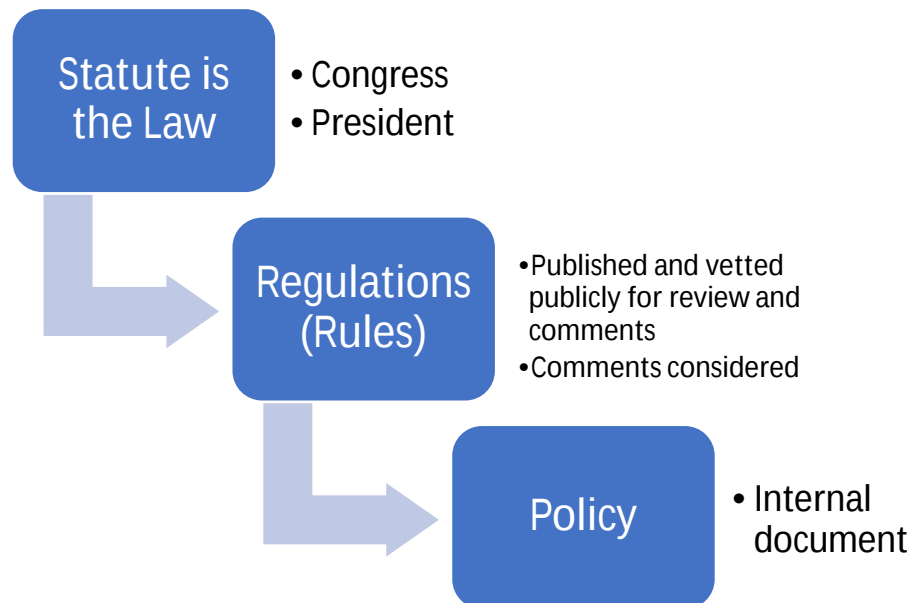
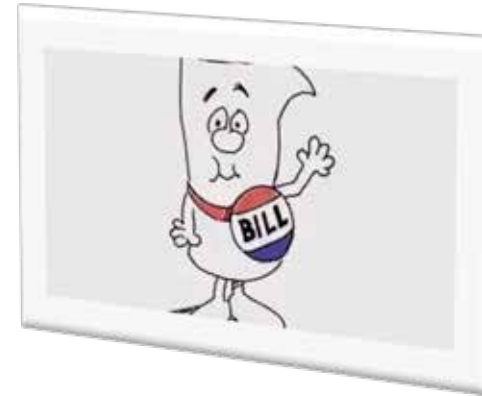


THE TEAM

Food Security Act of 1985

December 23, 1985, Bill becomes law.

Highly Erodible Land And Wetland Conservation
Compliance Provisions of the Law



Conservation Compliance Policy

NRCS Policy states;

The purpose of the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) Conservation and Wetland Conservation Compliance provisions are to remove certain incentives for persons who (1) produce agricultural commodities on HEL, and (2) convert wetlands to make possible the production of agricultural commodities.

- ü reduce soil loss
- ü protect the Nation's long-term ability to produce food and fiber
- ü reduce sedimentation and improve water quality
- ü assist in preserving the functions and values of the Nation's wetlands.

- USDA Program Participants ***must*** apply approved conservation ***and***
- To maintain ***eligibility***, they must ***certify*** that they have not produced crops on converted wetlands after December 23, 1985 and did not convert a wetland after November 28, 1990 to make production of an ag commodity possible (*or more possible*) (emphasis added), NFSAM 510.1

NRCS Responsibilities

NRCS will complete HELC and WC determinations under the following circumstances:

Ø In response to Forms:

- ü AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification
- ü CPA-38 Request for Wetland Determination
- ü FSA-569 NRCS Report of HELC and WC Compliance
- ü Written request for review of a Certified Wetland Determination (CWD)
 - ü Specific criteria need to be met

National Food Security Act Manual, 5th Edition, 510.0

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)



What Can We Share, And Who Can We Share It With?

Share

Within the Agency

- Farm Service Agency
- FPAC
- USDA Agencies

Not Share

Outside of the Agency ★ Unless there is an accepted agency information release form, properly completed

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Local Governmental Units (LGUs)
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)
- Attorney
- Real Estate Agent
- Neighbors



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EXEMPTIONS

- Prior Converted Cropland (PC)
- Non – Wetland (NW)
- Farmed Wetland (FW)
- Artificial Wetland (AW)
- Minimal Effect (MW)