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CONSERVATION PROGRAMS MANUAL (CPM)
Supplement ME8,

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SUBJECT: CPM – Part 512, Conservation Program Contracting, Subpart E, Contracting

Purpose: To transmit Maine's Supplement 8 to 440-CPM, Part 512, Section 512.45.

Effective Date: January 15, 2009

Explanation of Changes: Attached is supplemental Conservation Programs Manual guidance for Part 512.45(C)(1), and related Form NRCS-ME-3, *Request for Waiver from Commencing a Practice Within the first Twelve Months of a NRCS Conservation Program Contract*. Also attached is the NRCS National Circular No. 8, dated December 3, 2008, which is referenced in the Maine Supplement for your information purposes only.

The supplemental guidance requires that a participant request a waiver from commencing a practice within the first twelve months of an AMA, EQIP, or WHIP contract in writing and that a NRCS-CPA-13 contract review be completed and submitted with the written request for the State Conservationist's review for approval. Form NRCS-ME-3 can be used to document a participant's request for the waiver, but is not required as long as the participant requests the waiver in writing.

Filing Instructions: **Insert** - Maine Supplement 8, 440-V-CPM, Part 512.45(C)(1) – Contract Period and Limitations (440-V-CPM, Part 512, Subpart E, Supplement ME8, January, 2009).

Insert – Maine Supplement 8, 440-V-CPM, Part 512 -Form NRCS-ME-3, January 2009. Please file this form behind (440-V-CPM, Maine Amendment 3, July 2006) – ME512.90J-2(3).

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