

27—12.85(161C) Special practice and cost-share procedures eligibility. Districts may submit requests to establish eligible practices, develop cost-share procedures, experiment with new conservation practices and explore new technologies with approval of the state soil conservation and water quality committee.

12.85(1) District designation. Districts shall submit to the state soil conservation and water quality committee the description of their intentions, which could include:

- a. Type of practice.
- b. Cost-share rate.
- c. Resource to be protected.
- d. Estimated cost.
- e. Landowner interest.
- f. Technology to be addressed.

12.85(2) State soil conservation and water quality committee evaluation. The state soil conservation and water quality committee shall examine the district submission under 12.85(1) with respect to the following criteria.

- a. The public and current use of the resource to be protected.
- b. The nature, extent, and severity of the problem to be addressed.
- c. The degree to which the request focuses practice or technology application in a manner that will achieve a soil erosion or water quality benefit from the funds available.
- d. Whether a specification can be developed by NRCS or DNR for the new technology or practice.

12.85(3) Review time limit. The state soil conservation and water quality committee shall approve or disapprove the district designation within 90 days of receipt by the division.

12.85(4) Disapproval of designation. In the event of disapproval of district requests, the state soil conservation and water quality committee shall inform the district of the reason for disapproval.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 161A and 161C.

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