

Baseflow interceptor (streamside pickup)

Definition/Purpose

Baseflow interceptor means improving springs and seeps alongside a stream, near the banks, but not in the channel by excavating, cleaning, capping to collect and/or store water for agricultural use.

Policies

1. This is an engineering practice that must be approved by a professional engineer. The district must submit the practice design worksheet for approval by the division engineering staff.
2. Livestock shall not have access to the pickup/interceptor area. Cooperator is encouraged to install water conservation measures and effective livestock exclusion fencing from streams.
3. Cooperator is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required permits, including wetland determination by the ACOE and buffers on streams classified as trout (Tr) waters, if applicable.
4. Minimum life of BMP is ten (10) years.

Specification

N C. NRCS Technical Guide, Section IV, Specification #574 (Spring Development).

