

Camden Soil & Water Conservation

To: Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Albemarle-Camden County Soil and Water Board are requesting an exception to a policy (Will not begin installation until approval is given by the NC Division of Soil and Water). Work was started on an ACSP project before it was approved in CS2 and written notification from Raleigh. East Coast AG requested cost share in ACSP for cropland conversion with BMP type being grass. They were approved by the Camden Soil and Water board at their meeting on 11/6/24. Sometime after it was approved, farmer was told by Ashton Overton (former Camden Soil and Water Technician) that he could start the work. Farmer prepped and planted field on 11/25/24. Contract 15-2025-005 was submitted into CS2 on 1/3/25 with only a map by Mr. Overton; this was his last day of work. No one was aware that he didn't enter and complete the proper paperwork and entries into CS2 before he left; resulting in contract being in pending status. Farmer reached out to Currituck Soil and Water Technician John Morrow in late March for payment, who had recently started in 8/24. We recently hired a new technician, Steve Sutton on 4/8/25. We see this situation as no fault of the farmer and he should not be penalized due to someone else's negligence.

Sincerely,



Abner Wayne Staples

Camden Soil & Water District Chairman

Abner Wayne Staples, Chairman
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