

Program	Authority
<b>Administered by the Rural Electrification Administration</b>	
75. Rural electrification and rural telephone programs.	Rural Electrification Act of 1963, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 901–950b.
76. CATV, community facilities program .....	Secs. 306 and 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1979, 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1932.
<b>Administered by Science and Education Program Staff</b>	
77. Higher education .....	Sec. 22 of the Act of June 29, 1935, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 329; Sec. 1417 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. 3152.
<b>Administered by the Soil Conservation Service</b>	
78. Soil and water conservation .....	Secs. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590q.
79. Plant materials for conservation .....	Secs. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590q.
80. Resource, conservation and development ..	Secs. 31 and 32 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1010, 1111; Secs. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590q.
81. Watershed protection and flood prevention	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1001–1008.
82. Great plains conservation .....	Secs. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590q.
83. Soil survey .....	Secs. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590q.
84. River basin surveys and investigations .....	Sec. 6 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, 16 U.S.C. 1006.
85. Snow survey and water supply forecasting	Secs. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590q.
86. Land inventory and monitoring .....	Secs. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590q; Sec. 302 of the Rural Development Act of 1972, 7 U.S.C. 1010a.
87. Resource appraisal and program development.	Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977, 16 U.S.C. 2001–2009.
88. Rural clean water program .....	Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251–1376.
89. Rural abandoned mine program .....	Secs. 406–413 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. 1236–1243.
90. Emergency watershed protection .....	Sec. 7 of the Act of June 28, 1938, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 701b–1; Sec. 403, Agriculture Credit Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2203.
91. Eleven authorized watershed projects .....	Sec. 13 of the Act of December 22, 1944, 58 Stat. 905.
<b>Administered by the Office of Transportation</b>	
92. Transportation services .....	Sec. 201 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, 7 U.S.C. 1291; Sec. 203(j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1622(j); Sec. 104 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1704.

**PART 15d—NONDISCRIMINATION IN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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**§ 15d.1 Purpose.**

The purpose of this part is to set forth the nondiscrimination policy of the United States Department of Agriculture in programs or activities conducted by the Department, including such programs and activities in which the Department or any agency thereof makes available any benefit directly to persons under such programs and activities.

## § 15d.2

### § 15d.2 Discrimination prohibited.

(a) No agency, officer, or employee of the United States Department of Agriculture shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability, or because all of part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person in the United States under any program or activity conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(b) No person shall be subjected to reprisal for opposing any practice prohibited by this part or for filing a complaint or participating in any other manner in a proceeding under this part.

### § 15d.3 Compliance.

The Director of the Office of Civil Rights shall evaluate each agency's efforts to comply with this part and shall make recommendations for improving such efforts.

### § 15d.4 Complaints.

(a) Any person who believes that he or she (or any specific class of individuals) has been, or is being, subjected to practices prohibited by this part may file on his or her own, or through an authorized representative, a written complaint alleging such discrimination. No particular form of complaint is required. The written complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days from the date the person knew or reasonably should have known of the alleged discrimination, unless the time is extended for good cause by the Director of the Office of Civil Rights or his or her designee. Any person who complains of discrimination under this part in any fashion shall be advised of his or her right to file a complaint as herein provided.

(b) All complaints under this part should be filed with the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, who will investigate the complaints. The Director of the Office of Civil Rights will make final determinations as to the merits of complaints under this part and as to the

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corrective actions required to resolve program complainants. The complaint will be notified of the final determination on his or her complaint.

(c) Any complaint filed under this part alleging discrimination on the basis of disability will be processed under 7 CFR part 15e.

## PART 15e—ENFORCEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAP IN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### § 15e.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to effectuate section 119 of the Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Amendments of 1978, which amended section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities conducted by Executive agencies or the United States Postal Service.

### § 15e.102 Application.

This part (§§ 15e.101–15e.170) applies to all programs or activities conducted by the agency, except for programs or