Soil Survey which includes conducting and publishing soil surveys;

- (2) Conducting soil surveys for resource planning and development; and
- (3) Performing the cartographic services essential to carrying out the functions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, including furnishing photographs, mosaics, and mans:

(C) Conducting and coordinating snow surveys and making water supply forecasts pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. IV of 1940 (5 U.S.C. App.);

- (D) Operating plant materials centers for the assembly and testing of plant species in conservation programs, including the use, administration, and disposition of lands under the administration of the Natural Resources Conservation Service for such purposes under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010–1011); and
- (E) Providing leadership in the inventorying and monitoring of soil, water, land, and related resources of the Nation.
- (iv) Administer the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Programs, including:
- (Å) The eleven authorized watershed projects authorized under 33 U.S.C. 702b-1;
- (B) The emergency flood control work under 33 U.S.C. 701b-1;
- (C) The Cooperative River Basin Surveys and Investigations Programs under 16 U.S.C. 1006;
- (D) The pilot watershed projects under 16 U.S.C. 590a–f and 16 U.S.C. 1001–1009;
- (E) The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program under 16 U.S.C. 1001–1009, except for responsibilities assigned to the Under Secretary for Rural Economic and Community Development;

(F) The joint investigations and surveys with the Department of the Army under 16 U.S.C. 1009; and

- (G) The Emergency Conservation Program under sections 401–405 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (the Act), 16 U.S.C. 2201, et seq., except for the provisions of sections 401 and 402 of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 2201–2202, as administered by the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.
- (v) Administer the Great Plains Conservation Program and the Critical Lands Resources Conservation Program under 16 U.S.C. 590p(b), 590q and 590q–3.
- (vi) Administer the Resource Conservation and Development Program under 16 U.S.C. 590a-f; 7 U.S.C. 1010– 1011; and 16 U.S.C. 3451–3461, except

for responsibilities assigned to the Under Secretary for Rural Economic and Community Development.

- (vii) Responsibility for entering into long-term contracts for carrying out conservation and environmental measures in watershed areas.
- (viii) Provide national leadership for and administer the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (16 U.S.C. 2001, et seq.).
- (ix) Administer the Rural Clean Water Program and other responsibilities assigned under section 35 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.).
- (x) Monitor actions and progress of USDA in complying with Executive Order 11988, Flood Plain Management, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 117, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 121, regarding management of floodplains and protection of wetlands; monitor USDA efforts on protection of important agricultural, forest and rangelands; and provide staff assistance to the USDA Natural Resources and Environment Committee.
- (xi) Administer the search and rescue operations authorized under 7 U.S.C. 2273
- (xii) Administer section 202(c) of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act, 43 U.S.C. 1592(c), including:
- (A) Identify salt source areas and determine the salt load resulting from irrigation and watershed management practices;
- (B) Conduct salinity control studies of irrigated salt source areas;
- (C) Provide technical and financial assistance in the implementation of salinity control projects including the development of salinity control plans, technical services for application, and certification of practice applications;
- (D) Develop plans for implementing measures that will reduce the salt load of the Colorado River;
- (E) Develop and implement long-term monitoring and evaluation plans to measure and report progress and accomplishments in achieving program objectives; and
- (F) Enter into and administer contracts with program participants and waive cost-sharing requirements when such cost-sharing requirements would result in a failure to proceed with needed on-farm measures.
- (xiii) Administer natural resources conservation authorities under title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 3801, et seq.), including responsibilities for:
- (A) the conservation of highly erodible lands and wetlands pursuant to

- sections 1211–1223 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 3811–3823):
- (B) technical assistance related to soil and water conservation technology for the implementation and administration of the Conservation Reserve Program authorized by sections 1231–1244 of the Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3831–3844);
- (C) the Environmental Easement Program authorized by sections 1239– 1239d of the Act (16 U.S.C. 3839– 3839d);
- (D) the Agricultural Water Quality Improvement Program authorized by sections 1238–1238f of the Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3838–3838f); and
- (E) the Wetland Reserve Program and the Emergency Wetlands Reserve Program authorized by sections 1237– 1237f of the Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3837–3837f), and the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Relief From the Major, Widespread Flooding in the Midwest Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103–75.
- (xiv) Approve and transmit to the Congress comprehensive river basin reports.
- (xv) Provide representation on the Water Resources Council and river basin commissions created by 42 U.S.C. 1962, and on river basin interagency committees.
- (xvi) Jointly administer the Forestry Incentives Program with the Forest Service, in consultation with State Foresters, under section 4 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103).
- (xvii) Administer the Water Bank Program under the Water Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301, *et seq.*).
- (xviii) Administer water quality activities under the Agriculture and Water Policy Coordination Act, subtitle G, title XIV of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5501–5505).
- (xix) Administer the Rural Environmental Conservation Program authorized by sections 1001–1010 of the Agriculture Act of 1970, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1501–1510).
- (xx) Coordinate USDA input and assistance to the Department of Commerce and other Federal agencies consistent with section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1456), and coordinate USDA review of qualifying state and local government coastal management plans or programs prepared under such Act and submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, consistent with section 306(a) and (c) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1455 (a) and (c)).
- (4) Related to committee management. Establish and reestablish regional, state, and local advisory