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USDA, EPA agree on rural program

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have renewed an agreement to share employees, funds and facilities to clean up rural waterways, protect important farm and forest lands from development, create sound pest control programs and cooperate in other areas of mutual interest.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland and EPA Administrator Douglas M. Costle signed a five-year "memorandum of un-

derstanding" to pursue "common objectives, interests and statutory requirements, and to avoid duplication of effort." The new agreement replaces a 1974 cooperative pact.

"Healthy soil, water and air are essential to a healthy American agriculture," said Bergland, "so it's only natural that we work with EPA to protect these resources and to use them in environmentally acceptable ways."

"EPA relies upon USDA's experiences with the needs of farmers to help us make

decisions that benefit them as well as the public at large," Costle said. "The relationship between the agencies sometimes has been stormy in the past, but Bob Bergland and I have been working together on joint problems since our appointments two years ago."

Specifically, the agreement commits the two departments to share information, use one another's facilities, transfer funds,

loan employees and review one another's programs.

The agreement would allow the creation of joint "task forces" on research, land use, pest management, air and water clean-up, solid waste management, international programs, education and communication and federal-state cooperation.

An annual conference, chaired by the agency heads, would be used to monitor progress under the pact.

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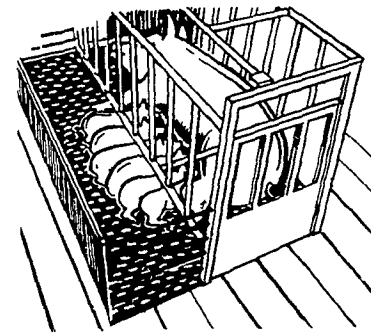
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