

## 2013 Conservation Innovation Grant – Greenhouse Gas Project

### Overview

The Conservation Innovation Grant – Greenhouse Gas Project (CIG-GHG) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to rice producers to field test and demonstrate specific conservation practices which reduce greenhouse gas emission from rice fields.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in partnership with the Environmental Defense Fund, Winrock International and the White River Irrigation District, has provided funding for this program. This funding is available to rice producers in Sunflower, Leflore, Bolivar, Washington, Tunica and Coahoma counties.



### Lead Partners

- Environmental Defense Fund
- Winrock International
- White River Irrigation District

### Collaborating Partners

- Mississippi State University

### Project Goals

The goals of the project are to demonstrate specific unique and innovative conservation practices which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining agricultural productivity.

Intermittent flooding and early dry-down are cornerstones of this CIG-GHG program.

### Conservation Practice Funding

Funding will be available to eligible landowners through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS will provide financial assistance for specific conservation practices for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with rice production. Landowner and producer eligibility, adjusted gross income, and all other program criteria for participation must be met to participate in this program. Agricultural lands are eligible for enrollment in this project.

### How to Apply for the GHG Program

NRCS and associated conservation partners will deliver this program collaboratively. Applications may be obtained and filed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at your local NRCS Field Service Center.

### For More Information

If you need more information about the CIG-GHG project, please contact your local NRCS office or visit the NRCS Mississippi Web site at: [www.ms.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ms.nrcs.usda.gov)

### Approved Conservation Practices

- 356 – Dike
- 410 – Grade Stabilization Structure
- 430 – Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline
- 443 – Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
- 449 – Irrigation Water Management
- 464 – Irrigation Land Leveling
- 533 – Pumping Plant
- 587 – Structure for Water Control
- 590 – Nutrient Management

Some practices have limitations and/or requirements specific to this CIG-GHG program.