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State Technical Committee

Date: February 9, 2006

Subject: Notice of proposed changes to Missouri Practice Standards for review and comment.

ACTION REQUIRED TO STATE OFFICE by March 27, 2006.

At the following web addresses, under “**Draft eFOTG**” (lower right front page), are five Missouri draft practice standards that are posted on the Missouri eFOTG site for review and comment:

<http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx?Fips=29019&MenuName=menuMO.zip> (general users)

or

<http://my.nrcs.usda.gov/> (NRCS employees)

Draft practices posted for review and comment:

- *Sediment Basin (350)*
Minor changes.
- *Dike (356)*
Standard now has an accompanying construction specification and operation and maintenance narrative for Class III dikes. Standard contains a new “Minimum Design Criteria for Dikes” table. The standard now includes “Considerations” and Operation and Maintenance requirements by dike class.
- *Irrigation Land Leveling (464)*
Minor changes.
- *Vertical Drain (630)*
Standard now has an accompanying construction specification and operation and maintenance narrative. Standard now has minimum filter dimensions and maximum sinkhole depth limitations.

- *Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)*

Embankment slope ratio requirements have changed. Overfill for settlement allowance is now dependent upon the level of compaction. Standard now refers to Pond 378 for foundation seepage control. The construction specification now includes two compaction methods.

In each draft standard state added text is denoted by *italic* text and substantial changes are denoted by blue text.

For the next 45 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standard(s). Draft standards are for review and comment only. District Conservationists should review these draft standards with conservation district boards and their employees.

The following procedure shall be followed for response from within NRCS and SWCD to the State Office: District responses should be furnished to the District Conservationist. DCs shall consolidate comments (NRCS and SWCD) from all counties within a FOSA and submit one response directly to the State Office. Area Offices should consolidate area staff responses. Send all summaries and comments to Marty Comstock, Agricultural Engineer, Columbia, MO. Responses may be mailed to the State Office or emailed to Marty at marty.comstock@mo.usda.gov. Responses from members of the State Technical Committee can be sent to me. Responses may be mailed to the State Office or emailed to bob.ball@mo.usda.gov.



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