

Part 402.5 – Official Copy of Soil Survey Information.

The “Official Copy of Soil Survey Information” is the most current soil information for a survey area that is certified for official use within the Field Office Technical Guide by the State Soil Scientist. It commonly consists of a combination of correlated maps from published reports or correlated field sheets and their associated attribute data, as specified by the current survey area memorandum of understanding.

The Official Copy of soil survey information is maintained in the field office serving the county, parish, or other area for which the soil survey was developed. The Official Copy has usually been a copy of the latest published soil survey report which is marked “Official Copy” and referenced by the Field Office Technical Guide.

In most instances the Official Copy is a set of the most recent maps generated from digital data with the appropriate attribute data from the soil survey database and marked “Official Copy”. This data is available through the eFOTG Section II, Soils Information, under each county’s specific folder, as either a soils data download or soils report download.