

## **RESOURCE QUALITY CRITERIA FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

This document contains guidelines for establishing quality criteria for the soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources for formulating resource management systems. The states will develop RMS quality criteria based on these guidelines. NTC concurrence of state quality criteria is required.

### **Policy**

1. Criteria will be established to determine planning and treatment levels that meet acceptable parameters and/or conditions.
2. Criteria are to be stated in either qualitative or quantitative terms.
3. Where national criteria have not been established, the State Conservationist will establish criteria with concurrence by the NTC.
4. Criteria will conform to Federal, State or local laws, and regulations, executive orders, and policies.

Identified or predictable problems will be considered as conservation planning is directed towards development of resource management systems.

### **Note:**

The numbering system used in these quality criteria guidelines corresponds to the columns and headings on the "Conservation Practice Physical Effects" tables filed in Section V.

Summary of consideration categories for soil, water, air, plant and animal resources:

#### **A. SOIL**

Soil resource consists of three major consideration categories:

[1] Erosion

[2] Condition

[3] Deposition

## B. WATER

Water resource consists of two major consideration categories:

[1] Quantity

[2] Quality

## C. AIR

Air resource consists of two major consideration categories:

[1] Quality

[2] Condition

## D. PLANT

Plant resource consists of three major consideration categories:

[1] Suitability

[2] Condition

[3] Management

## E. ANIMAL

Animal resource consists of two major consideration categories:

[1] Habitat

[2] Management