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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 570

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Re: Transmit New and Revised Standards, revised Statements of Work, and a Revised Standards and Specification Index

This Technical Guide Notice transmits the following New and Revised Standards, revised Statements of Work, and a Revised Standards and Specification Index to Section IV of the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Click the links below for copies of documents transmitted with this notice, or go to Section IV of the [Colorado FOTG](#). If you have difficulty viewing or printing these documents, click your FOTG Preferences tab and set to open documents "In a New Window".

[Alley Cropping 311, Conservation Practice Standard](#) - The Standard is revised to include 3 fewer purposes.

[Alley Cropping 311, Statement of Work](#) - The Statement of Work is revised to be consistent with the revised Standard.

[Cover Crop 340, Conservation Practice Standard](#) - The Standard is revised to include 1 new purpose to minimize soil compaction.

[Cover Crop 340, Statement of Work](#) - The Statement of Work is revised to be consistent with the revised Standard.

[Multi-Story Cropping 379, Conservation Practice Standard](#) - This is a new Standard transmitted to States with National Handbook of Conservation Practices Notice 139, applicable to forest farming.

[Nutrient Management 590, Conservation Practice Standard](#) - The Standard is revised to include new criteria for manure and organic by-products sampling.

[Nutrient Management 590, Statement of Work](#) - The Statement of Work is revised to be consistent with the revised Standard.

[Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed 329, Conservation Practice Standard](#) - The Standard is revised to clarify General Criteria for Soil Tillage Intensity Ratings.

[Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed 329, Statement of Work](#) - The Statement of Work is revised to be consistent with the revised Standard.

[Practice Standards and Specifications Index](#) - The index is revised to include changes in Standards listed above.

This Technical Guide Notice cancels the following documents from the Practice Standards and Specifications folder in Section IV of the FOTG.

Alley Cropping 311, Conservation Practice Standard dated April 2003

Alley Cropping 311, Statement of Work dated September 2004

Cover Crop 340, Conservation Practice Standard dated October 2004

Cover Crop 340, Statement of Work dated October 2004

Nutrient Management 590, Conservation Practice Standard dated September 2004

Nutrient Management 590, Statement of Work dated October 2004

Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed 329, Conservation Practice Standard dated February 2006

Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed 329, Statement of Work dated September 2005

Practice Standards and Specifications Index dated May 2006

### **Archiving Standards**

Conservation practice standards in effect at the time the client makes a decision regarding a course of action (step 7 of the Conservation Planning Process) may be used for practice implementation unless public health, safety or welfare is adversely affected. A copy of all superseded standards shall be retained in NRCS field office files or other locations as approved by the State Conservationist, until such standards are no longer relevant to any active conservation plan or contract, or for 10 years, whichever is longer. Where formal contracts (e.g., long-term agreements) are involved, copies of outdated standards are to be retained for the period required by the pertinent NRCS policy governing that specific program. These archived standards need to be removed from the FOTG and retained in a separate file (GM-450, Part 401, Subpart B, 401.18). An archive of canceled Colorado Standards is maintained in the Ecological Sciences Section at the State Office in Lakewood.

### **Printing and filing instructions.**

District Conservationists are not required to maintain hard copies of the FOTG in their respective Field Offices. This notice is filed in the FOTG, Section I, Transmittals folder.

### **Contact Information**

Contact Jim Sharkoff, State Conservation Agronomist, at 720-544-2812 or [jim.sharkoff@co.usda.gov](mailto:jim.sharkoff@co.usda.gov) for questions regarding the content of this notice. This is the only copy of this notice you will receive from the State Office.

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