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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 678

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Re: Transmit new CPA-52 Categorical Exclusions, Implementation Requirements and WIN-PST Pesticide Data, and revised Agronomy Standards and Statements of Work

This Technical Guide Notice transmits the following materials to the Colorado electronic Field Office Technical Guide ([eFOTG](#)).

WIN-PST 3.1.2 Pesticide Data Update, 8-2-13

This pesticide data update includes the following:

All active ingredients from past updates.

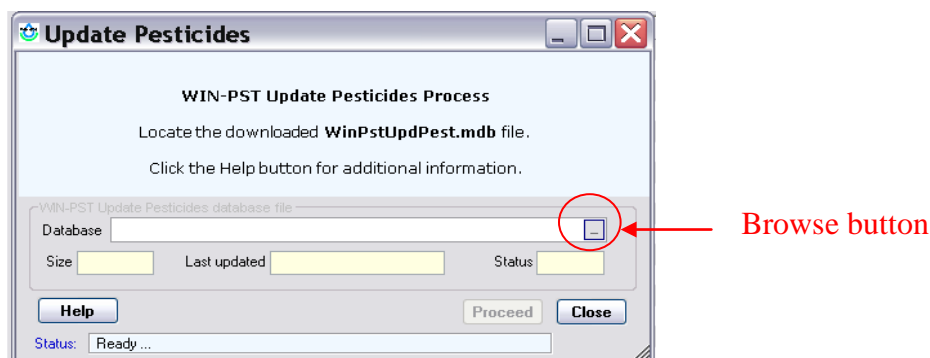
11 New active ingredients.

Synchronization with EPA Pesticide Product Registration Database as of 7-29-13.

Update Procedure

Note: This procedure is compatible with the Windows 7 Operating System utilized by NRCS provided the WIN-PST 3.1.2 patch is installed, and user permissions are set to allow the user to write to their winpst31.mdb main database. Contact your Resource Conservationist for Technology if you have difficulty completing this update procedure.

1. Click the following WIN-PST web page link, <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/technical/tools/?cid=stelprdb1044769>, scroll down the page to Pesticide Data Update (Released 8-2-13), click the download link labeled **WIN-PST 3.1 Pesticide Update 8-2-13**, and then save. The file should save to your Downloads folder.
2. Open Windows Explorer and navigate to your Downloads folder. Right click the file named stelprdb1166841.zip, and then select WinZip, Extract to here.
3. Open WIN-PST 3.1.2. From the toolbar select Tools, Update Pesticides. Click the browse button, navigate to your Downloads folder, and then open the file named WinPstUpdPest 8-2-13.mdb. Click proceed.



4. When Update Pesticides process OK is indicated on the Status line, click close.

Additional WIN-PST 3.1 database update instructions are available on the NRCS Pest Management website located at <http://go.usa.gov/KoK>.

Section IV, Standards and Specifications

The following Standards, Statements of Work and Implementation Requirements are revised or new per NHCP Notice 159.

[Contour Farming 330 Standard](#) – Revised to allow maximum row grade to 4 percent based on RUSLE2 technology

[Contour Farming 330 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Contour Farming 330 Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Critical Area Planting 342 Standard](#) – Revised to delete purpose to rehabilitate and revegetate degraded sites that cannot be stabilized using normal establishment techniques

[Critical Area Planting 342 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Critical Area Planting 342 Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Cross Wind Ridges 588 Standard](#) – Revised practice definition and purpose to decrease soil particulate emissions

[Cross Wind Ridges 588 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Cross Wind Ridges 588 Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Deep Tillage 324 Standard](#) – Revised to delete purpose to reduce concentration of soil contaminants

[Deep Tillage 324 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Deep Tillage 324 Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Field Border 386 Standard](#) – Revised condition where practice applies to limit application to existing cropland and grazing land, and deletes purpose to manage pest populations

[Field Border 386 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Field Border 386 Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Filter Strip 393 Standard](#) – Revised to include additional considerations for native plant communities and organic operations

[Filter Strip 393 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Filter Strip 393 Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Mulching 484 Standard](#) – Revised to delete purposes to moderate soil temperature and suppress weeds

[Mulching 484 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Mulching 484 Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Strippcropping 585 Standard](#) – Revised purpose to decrease transport of sediment and other water and wind borne contaminants

[Strippcropping 585 Statement of Work](#) – Revised to include Implementation Requirements

[Strippcropping 585 Implementation Requirements](#) – New

Section IV, Planning Forms, NRCS-CPA-52, Environmental Evaluation

[NRCS Categorical Exclusions](#) - NRCS guidance for Section R, Rational Supporting the Finding; includes 21 authorized Categorical Exclusions (CE), what is required to use a CE, and how to properly document the use of a CE on the NRCS-CPA-52.

This Technical Guide Notice cancels the following documents and removes them from the Colorado FOTG.

Contour Farming 330 Standard, November 2007

Contour Farming 330 Statement of Work, November 2007

Critical Area Planting 342 Standard, September 2011

Critical Area Planting 342 Statement of Work, November 2007

Cross Wind Ridges 588 Standard, October 2008

Cross Wind Ridges 588 Statement of Work, October 2008

Cross Wind Ridges 588 Job Sheet, October 2008

Deep Tillage 324 Standard, September 2010

Deep Tillage 324 Statement of Work, September 2010

Deep Tillage 324 Job Sheet, September 2010

Field Border 386 Standard, September 2011

Field Border 386 Statement of Work, November 2007

Field Border 386 Job Sheet, April 2008

Filter Strip 393 Standard, September 2011

Filter Strip 393 Statement of Work, October 2008

Filter Strip 393 Job Sheet, October 2008

Mulching 484 Standard, September 2011

Mulching 484 Statement of Work, October 2008

Strippcropping 585 Standard, October 2008

Strippcropping 585 Statement of Work, October 2008

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 Denver.

Printing and Filing Instructions

District Conservationists are not required to maintain a hard copy of the eFOTG in their respective field offices. One copy of the Colorado eFOTG is maintained at the National Information Technology Center (NITC) Web Farm at http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx.

Contact Information

Contact Chanda Pettie, State Biologist, at 720-544-2804 or chanda.pettie@co.usda.gov, for questions regarding NRCS Categorical Exclusions.

Contact Jim Sharkoff, State Agronomist, at 720-544-2812 or jim.sharkoff@co.usda.gov, for questions regarding WIN-PST and Agronomy documents.

This notice is filed in the Section I, Transmittals folder of the Colorado eFOTG. A [Section I Transmittals Index](#) is available in PDF format to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1998.

This is the only copy of this notice you will receive from the State office.

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