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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE 93

Purpose. To transmit technical documents to be inserted into the local FOTG.

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Section III

Florida's Quality Criteria - Quality Criteria for each of the five (5) primary natural resources soil, water, air, plants, and animals have been revised and are consist with national Quality Criteria that have been established. Florida's Quality Criteria defines the minimum level treatment required to achieve a Resource Management System (RMS) for identified resource concerns for a particular land area. Local laws, ordinances, rules and/or regulations in your county(s) **MUST** be considered part of RMS documentation.

Resource Management System Guidance – A Resource Management System (RMS) is a combination of conservation practices and resource management, for the treatment of all identified resource concerns for soil, water, air, plants, and animals that meet or exceed Florida's Quality Criteria for resource sustainability. RMS Guidance is provided by Land Use, and lists Essential Practices (*practices required to ensure resource sustainability*), and Facilitating Practices (*practices that assist in achieving conservation goals and achieving resource sustainability*), that provide conservation planners a template to guide clients to apply minimum land management and conservation treatments that solve resource concerns, thus, establishing an Resource Management System for a Conservation Management Unit (CMU).

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

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All Resource Management Systems & Quality Criteria materials; Cover, Contents Page i, and Pages 1-37, November 2002.	Florida's Quality Criteria; Cover, Content Page, and Criteria - Pages 1-22, August 2003.
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