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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE 97

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

Effective. This notice is effective when received.

Section I

Reference Table of Contents – This table contents replaces the pervious version.

State Surface and Ground Water Standards - This document provides new information on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s surface and water classification system and standards.

Status of Watershed Projects in Florida – This map updates the April 1997 version.

Common Resource Areas – This map updates the November 2003 version.

Highly Erodible Land Conservation Provision of the Food Security Act – This document highlights the purpose and the importance of the highly erodible land provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 and its amendments of 1990, 1996 and 2002.

Wetland Job Approval Authority – This information provides some guidance on current policy pertaining to wetland job approval for making wetland determinations, scope & effect, minimal effect, restoration planning, and mitigation activities, as well as listing the certification status of field, area and state level staff capable of performing these tasks.

Filing Instructions

Section I

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Insert

Reference – Table of Contents, Section I (A), Page i, November 2003.	Reference – Table of Contents, Section I (A), Page i, February 2004.
----	State Surface and Ground Water Standards, Section I, (A)(3), Page 1-2, January 2004 behind Reference,

	Table of Contents Page.
Status of Watershed Projects in Florida – Maps, Page 15, formerly page 16, April 1997.	Status of Watershed Projects in Florida – Maps, Resource –Page 15, January 2004.
Common Resource Areas (State-Wide Map), Resource Page 16, November 2003 Resource Page 16.	Common Resource Areas (State-Wide Map), Resource Page 16, February 2004.
----	Highly Erodible Land Conservation Provision of the Food Security Act, Section I (E)(1)(a), page 1-2, February 2004 behind the State and Local laws tap of Section I, which has been expanded to include Federal laws, and in front of the Wetland Conservation Provisions write-up dated December 2002.
Wetland Job Approval Authorities in its entirety, Dec. 1999.	Wetland Job Approval Authorities, Section I (E) (1) (b) 6, Page 1-2 & 1-6, Jan. 2004 behind the NFSAM Information Tab, between Functional Assessment Procedure, Nov. 2003 and Fed. & State Wetland Program Contacts, Nov. 2003.

Section IV

Section IV Table of Contents – Replaces previous version.

Access Road (Code 560) – This conservation practice standard was updated to include protecting the air resource. Considerations were added to provide suggestions on operations of the access road to minimize particulate matter from leaving the site.

Contour Farming (Code 330) - Several changes have been incorporated in the practice standard to be consistent with the national standard.

Deep Tillage (Code 324) - Several changes have been incorporated in the new practice standard to be consistent with the national standard including the obvious change of name from Chiseling & Subsoiling to Deep Tillage.

Heavy Use Area Protection (Code 561) – This conservation practice standard was updated to include limitation the generation of particulate matter and consideration of other conservation practices for improving air quality. Also, criteria for roof structures and minor editorial changes were included.

Irrigation Water Conveyance High Pressure, Underground (Job Sheet 430DD) – In an effort to formalize the distribute of official job sheets used in Florida we have begun to include them with official FOTG Change Notices and request that you file a copy of the job sheet behind the appropriate practice standard. Please note in eFOTG job sheets are located in a separate file following the practice standard readily available to TSPs and the public.

Land Clearing (Code 460) – Several changes have been incorporated in the practice standard to be consistent with the national standard.

Sediment Basin (Code 350) – This standard was revised and updated in accordance with national policy. Minor editorial changes and format changes were made.

Spoil Spreading (Code 572) – This conservation practice standard was updated to be consistent with the national standard.

Structure for Water Control (Code 587) – This standard was revised and updated in accordance with national policy. Minor editorial changes and format changes were made.

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Section IV Table of Contents, Page 1-7, September 2003.	Section IV Table of Contents, Page 1-7, February 2004.
Access Road, Code 560, September 2001.	Access Road, Code 560, February 2004.
Contour Farming, Code 330, May 1989.	Contour Farming, Code 330, February 2004.
Chiseling and Subsoiling, Code 324, February 1980.	Deep Tillage, Code 324, February 2004.
Heavy Use Area Protection, Code 561, April 2001.	Heavy Use Area Protection, Code 561, February 2004.
----	Irrigation Water Conveyance High Pressure, Underground, Plastic Pipeline – Job Sheet 430DD, December 2003 behind Practice Standard Irrigation Water Conveyance High Pressure, Underground, Plastic Pipeline, May 2003.
Land Clearing, Code 460, August 2002.	Land Clearing, Code 460, February 2004.
Sediment Basin, Code 350, February 2002.	Sediment Basin, Code 350, February 2004.
Spoil Spreading, Code 572, January 1983 and Supplement, October 1988.	Spoil Spreading, Code 572, February 2004.
Structure for Water Control, Code 587, June 1998.	Structure for Water Control, Code 587, February 2004.



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