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**FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE**

**CHANGE NOTICE 107**

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

**Effective.** This notice is effective when received.

The following information indicated by bold face type represents new information that needs to be filed within the Field Office Technical Guide as directed by the filing instructions provided.

**SECTION I**

(D) – References

**5. State Surface and Ground Water Standards**

This is being updated to reflect new URLs for the FDEP webpage references. A minor amount of content has been added.

(F) – Laws, Regulations, and Local Ordinances

1. Food Security Act

**(b) Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985**

This overview has been updated to reflect issuance of Florida NRCS and Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers Local Operating Agreement (LOA)

**(b) 1 Florida Guidance for Performing Certified Wetland Determinations**

Updated to delete requirement for Form NRCS-CPA-38. Other minor editorial changes have been made.

**(b) 2 Documentation for Certified Wetland Determinations**

Updated to delete requirement for Form NRCS-CPA-38 and add requirement for Form FL-CPA-43. Form FL-CPA-43 was originally issued with Bulletin 180-5-1. **Form FL-CPA-43** is hereby added as part of the documentation required for wetland determination case files.

Form FL-CPA-43 also has been updated to omit the reference to Form NRCS-CPA-38, and other minor editorial changes have been made.

**(b) 5 Wetland Functional Assessment**

Updated to reference the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) as the current functional assessment procedure used by Florida NRCS.

**(b) 7 Federal and State Agency Wetland Program Contacts**

Updated to reflect issuance of Florida NRCS and Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers Local Operating Agreement (LOA), and to provide additional internet contact information.

**(b) 8 Local Operating Agreement Between NRCS Florida and the COE Jacksonville District Concerning Compliance with the Food Security Act and the Clean Water Act**

2. Other Federal Laws

The following documents are being deleted from the FOTG/eFOTG. The information on NRCS compliance with these and additional federal laws is now contained in the National Environmental Compliance Handbook.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969  
 Endangered Species Act of 1973, October 2002  
 Appendix A - Glossary of Terms, November 2002  
 The Clean Water Act & Water of the U.S. (33U.S.C. 1251, as amended through 1987), December 2002  
 National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, As amended through 2000 [With annotations]  
 Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR), November 2002

***Filing Instructions***

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Federal, State & Local Laws Table of Contents, (no year)	Federal, State & Local Laws Table of Contents, October 2005
Surface & Ground water Standards, (A)3, January 2004	Surface & Ground water Standards, (D)5, October 2005
Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, March 2005.	Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, October 2005.
Florida Guidance for Performing Certified Wetland Determinations, January 2005.	Florida Guidance for Performing Certified Wetland Determinations, October 2005.
Documentation for Certified Wetland Determinations, April 2005. Also, remove the attached form NRCS-CPA-38.	Documentation for Certified Wetland Determinations, October 2005. Also, insert form FL-CPA-43 following the Agriculture Mediation Service brochure.

Wetland Functional Assessment, November 2003.	Wetland Functional Assessment, October 2005.
Federal and State Agency Wetland Program Contacts, November 2003.	Federal and State Agency Wetland Program Contacts, October 2005.
-----	Local Operating Agreement Between NRCS Florida and the COE Jacksonville District Concerning Compliance with the Food Security Act and the Clean Water Act, as per directed by Florida Bulletin, 180-6-1.
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), March 2005	----
Endangered Species Act of 1973, October 2002	----
Appendix A - Glossary of Terms, November 2002	----
The Clean Water Act & Water of the U.S. (33U.S.C. 1251, as amended through 1987), December 2002	----
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, As amended through 2000 [With annotations]	----
Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR), November 2002	----

#### SECTION IV

**Section IV Table of Contents** – New table contents for Section is provided that includes all new additions associated with this Change Notice.

**Atmospheric Resource Quality Management (Code 370)** – This a new conservation practice standard for Florida designed to address air quality concerns.

**Mulching (Code 484)** – This newly revised standard is designed to assist conservation planners when providing technical assistance on mulching materials and application techniques.

**Residue and Tillage Management Ridge Till (Code 346)** - This newly revised standard is designed to assist conservation planners when providing technical assistance on Ridge Till conservation tillage application techniques.

**Residue and Tillage Management Mulch Till (Code 345)** - This newly revised standard is designed to assist conservation planners when providing technical assistance on Mulch Till conservation tillage application techniques.

**Residue Management, Seasonal (Code 344)** - This newly revised standard is designed to assist conservation planners when providing technical assistance on Seasonal conservation tillage application techniques.

**Residue and Tillage Management No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (Code 329)** - This newly revised standard is designed to assist conservation planners when providing technical assistance on No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed conservation tillage application techniques.

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Section IV Table of Contents, August 2005	Section IV Table of Contents, October 2005
-----	Atmospheric Resource Quality Management (Code 370), October 2005
Mulching (Code 484, I, II, III.), 1974 & Supplement, 1988.	Mulching (Code 484), October 2005
Residue Management, Ridge Till (Code 329C), April 1996	Ridge and Tillage Management, Ridge Till (Code 346), October 2005
Residue Management, Mulch Till (Code 329B), February 1996	Residue and Tillage Management Mulch Till (Code 345), October 2005
Residue Management, Seasonal (Code 344), February 1997	Residue Management, Seasonal (Code 344), October 2005
Residue and Tillage Management No Till & Strip Till (Code 329A), August 2002	Residue and Tillage Management No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (Code 329), October 2005

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