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**FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE**

**CHANGE NOTICE 117**

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

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

The enclosed materials shall be filed in the appropriate section of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) in accordance to these filing instructions. Electronic copies of these materials may be found in the eFOTG located at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>.

**SECTION I**

**Reference List** – ECS, Engineering and Soils is making every effort to minimize the number and volume of references required to be maintained in hardcopy within our field and area offices. Please review the explanation on page-1 of this Reference List for guidance on which documents need to be maintained in hardcopy and which may be accessed via electronic link as provided within this list.

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Reference List, Section I(D)(12), Pages 1-13, March 2007.	Reference List, Section I(D)(12), Pages 1 – 17, May 2007.

**SECTION II**

**eFOTG Changes**

Please note that following changes have been made in the eFOTG concerning the organization and structure of soils information.

The previous structure was as follows:

1. Navigating Soil Data Mart & Web Soil Survey
2. Brief Description by Component
3. Soil Survey Map Unit Descriptions

The new structure appears in the eFOTG as follows:

1. Navigating Soil Data Mart & Web Soil Survey
2. Soil Descriptions
  - a. Brief Descriptions of Soil Characteristics
  - b. Soil Survey Map Unit Descriptions
3. Soils Data
  - a. FOTG Soils Information
  - b. Soil Reports

#### **SECTION IV**

**Agrichemical Mixing Station – Portable (Interim Standard), Code 703** – This interim practice standard is provided to assist in the safe application and handling, mixing and transfer of pesticides and other common agricultural chemicals.

**Agrichemical Mixing Station – Portable, Conservation Practice Job Sheet, Code FL703JS** – This jobsheet is provided to assist in the planning and application of Agrichemical Mixing Station – Portable (Interim Standard) , Code 703.

**Evaporative Cooling Pads, (Interim Standard), Code 781** – This interim standard is provided to assist in cooling and regulating humidity in greenhouse and livestock production structures.

**Evaporative Cooling Pads, Conservation Practice Jobsheet, Code FL781JS** – This jobsheet is provided to assist in the planning and application of Evaporative Cooling Pads, (Interim Standard), Code 781.

**Fuel Break, Code 383** – This new practice standard in the Florida FOTG is provided to assist in the reduction of fuel loads at strategic locations to reduce the risk of the spread of fire on natural and agricultural landscapes.

**Prescribed Forestry, Code 409** - This new practice standard in the Florida FOTG is provided to assist in the management of forested areas for improving forest health, wood and fiber production, water, recreation, aesthetics, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity.

**Storage Facility – Nursery Substrate, (Interim Standard), Code 782** - This interim standard is provided to assist in providing storage for nursery pre-mixed substrate and/or materials used to mix substrate.

**Storage Facility – Nursery Substrate, Conservation Practice Jobsheet, Code FL782JS** - This jobsheet is provided to assist in the planning and application of Storage Facility – Nursery Substrate, (Interim Standard), Code 782.

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----	Agrichemical Mixing Station – Portable (Interim Standard), Code 703, April 2007
----	Agrichemical Mixing Station – Portable, Conservation Practice Job Sheet, April 2007 behind practice standard.
----	Evaporative Cooling Pads, (Interim Standard), Code 781, April 2007.
----	Evaporative Cooling Pads, Conservation Practice Jobsheet, Code FL781JS, April 2007 behind practice standard.
----	Fuel Break, Code 383, May 2007.
----	Prescribed Forestry, Code 409, May 2007.
----	Storage Facility – Nursery Substrate, (Interim Standard), Code 782, April 2007.
----	Storage Facility – Nursery Substrate, Conservation Practice Jobsheet, Code FL782JS, April 2007, behind practice standard.
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**SECTION V**

**Conservation Practice Physical Effects** – This section of the FOTG has been revised and discusses the new CPPE matrix within SmarTech, the official site for conservation effects information. Please refer to <https://smartech.sc.egov.usda.gov/cppe.aspx> for all conservation effects information related to all NRCS recognized natural resource concerns and conservation practices located with Section IV of the FOTG/eFOTG.

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Introduction Conservation Practice Physical Effects, Section V (A), pages 1-4, August 2004 and the entire CPPE Matrix spreadsheets from this section.	Introduction Conservation Practice Physical Effects, Section V (A), pages 1-5, May 2007.

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