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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. IA-299

Purpose: To transmit information regarding the Iowa NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Effective Date: This notice is effective upon receipt.

Notice of Changes:

The following documents have been placed in the Iowa eFOTG in Section IV, Practice Standards and Specifications:

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| ▪ Terrace (600) Standard | June 2015 |
| ▪ Terrace (IA-600) Construction Specification | June 2015 |
| ▪ Livestock Pipeline (516) Standard | July 2015 |
| ▪ Livestock Pipeline (516) Statement of Work | July 2015 |

Changes made to Terrace:

- The format was changed to a single column format to be in compliance with recent direction from National Headquarters.
- Minor wording changes were made in the standard for clarity and to be consistent with the national terrace standard.
- In the construction specification, the lift thickness in the Placement section was changed to 12 inches. The drawings in the Minimum Dimensions section were revised to be consistent with the practice standard. The drawings now reflect the 8% maximum grade limitation on cut slopes on the uphill side of broadbase and grassed front, farmable backslope terraces.

Changes made to Livestock Pipeline:

- The standard was updated to include information found in Iowa Engineering Field Manual Amendment IA37 (April 1989), which is being withdrawn.
- Allowable pipe material and diameter criteria were updated.
- Minor changes were made to the Statement of Work.

Questions regarding these documents should be directed to Allen Gehring, State Conservation Engineer, at 515-323-2220 or allen.gehring@ia.usda.gov.

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