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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-118

Purpose: This notice transmits the following: (1) A new Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) Section IV Table of Contents; (2) a new Standard and Specification for Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643); (3) An update to Section II, "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils" (March 1998); and (4) an addition to the Technical Reference file, "Sustaining Our Soils and Society".

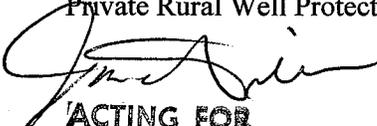
(1) **Remove** the old Table of Contents and discard. **File** the enclosed Section IV Table of Contents to the front of FOTG Section IV.

(2) **File** the new standard and specification for Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643) in Section IV right after Recreation Area Improvement (acres) 562.

(3) The attached booklet, "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the U.S. Version 4.0 replaces Version 3.2 that was distributed in 1996. **Remove and destroy Version 3.2 from Section II of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) and replace with Version 4.0.** Before filing Version 4.0., **make the pen and ink changes shown on the errata sheet.**

Note: The sheet, "Field Indicator of Hydric Soils in LRRM(M)-Illinois (Adapted from Version 3.2 July 1996) currently in the FOTG is still valid. **Make a note on this sheet--"No changes--Version 4.0. March 1996".**

(4) **File** "Sustaining Our Soils and Society" in the Technical Reference file in Section I-A - References. **Make a pen and ink addition to Section I of the FOTG under the Resource Concern List of References for Soil.** **Add** "Sustaining Our Soils and Society" to Technical Reference File, Section I-A - References - Soils". after Private Rural Well Protection Video (the page is dated July, 1992).


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