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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-158

Purpose: Notification of Illinois eFOTG postings.

Background: A new 5.9 version of The Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils replaces version 5.0, dated 2002 as a Soils Technical Reference for the FOTG. The Soils Reference list in Section I of the eFOTG has been updated to reflect the new version. Editorial changes have been made to Section III, Water Quality Criteria for Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater and Surface Water.

Access to eFOTG can be through the Illinois home page by clicking on "eFOTG" or by accessing <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>

Summary of Changes

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| Section I:
Soils Reference List | Updated Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils, version 5.9, 2005. Replaces version 5.0 dated 2002. |
| Section III: | Editorial Changes for Water Quality Criteria for Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater and Surface Water. |

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Gradle".

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