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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL - 256

Purpose: To inform employees of revisions to the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for selected standards, specifications, job sheets and statements of work.

The FOTG can be accessed through the Illinois home page by clicking on "FOTG" or at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>.

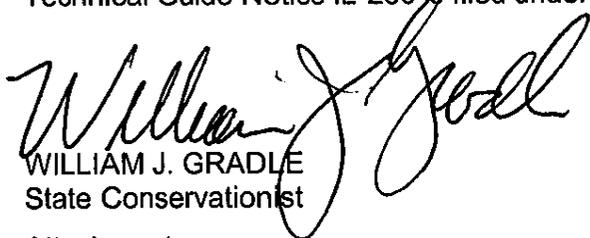
Location	Summary of Significant Changes
Section IV. A. Index of Conservation Practice Standards	<u>October 2011</u>
Index of Conservation Practice Standards – Alphabetical	New Practice Standard Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Standards and Specifications
Index of Conservation Practice Standards – Numerical	Name Changes Well Decommissioning (608) to Water Well Decommissioning Closure of Waste Impoundment (360) to Waste Facility Closure Waste Facility Cover (367) to Roofs and Covers Channel Stabilization (584) to Channel Bed Stabilization Surface Drainage, Field Ditch (607) to Surface Drain, Field Ditch Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral (608) to Surface Drain, Main or Lateral
Section IV. B. Conservation Practices Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Standards and Specifications	Two new purposes and accompanying criteria: (1) supply nitrogen through biological nitrogen fixation to reduce energy use and (2) conserve water were added to address energy conservation. The "Conditions Where Practice Applies" section was clarified to establish using a time basis for defining the length of the crop sequence. Additional Criteria and Considerations were added under the "Improve Soil Quality" purpose.
Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Job Sheet	
Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Statement of Work	
Residue and No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed Tillage Management (329) Standard and Specifications	A new purpose of "Reduce Energy Use" and accompanying additional Criteria was added. The revision combined Additional Criteria to Reduce Sheet/Rill Erosion: Reduce Wind Erosion: and Reduce Soil Particulate Emissions were combined into one set of criteria. The Operation and Maintenance had additions to evaluate the function of the practice onsite to ensure the purpose(s) is/are achieved.
Illinois Job Sheet - Residue and Tillage Management	
Residue and No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed Tillage Management (329) Statement of Work	
Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge-Till (Code 346) Practice Standard	A new purpose of "Reduce Energy Use" and accompanying additional Criteria was added. The Operation and Maintenance had additions to evaluate the function of the practice onsite to ensure the purpose(s) is/are achieved.
Illinois Job Sheet - Residue and Tillage Management	
Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge-Till (Code 346) Statement of Work	

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Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch-Till (Code 345) Standards and Specifications	A new purpose of "Reduce Energy Use" and accompanying additional Criteria was added. The revision combined Additional Criteria to Reduce Sheet/Rill Erosion: Reduce Wind Erosion: and Reduce Soil Particulate Emissions were combined into one set of criteria. The Operation and Maintenance had additions to evaluate the function of the practice onsite to ensure the purpose(s) is/are achieved.
Illinois Job Sheet - Residue and Tillage Management	
Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch-Till (Code 345) Statement of Work	
Residue Management, Seasonal (344) Standard and Specifications	A new Purpose of "Develop Renewable Energy Systems" and accompanying additional Criteria was added to provide crop residues for bioenergy feedstocks. The additional criteria to harvest crop residues for bioenergy feedstocks for renewable energy production tied to erosion. Where Practice Applies section was revised to include all cropland where biomass is removed for bioenergy feedstocks. Allows the use of the practice to remove crop residues from acreage where other residue management practices are applied without adding specific criteria to each of those practices for biomass removal. Additional Operation and Maintenance criteria were added to evaluate the onsite application of the practice to ensure the planned purposes are achieved.
Illinois Job Sheet - Residue and Tillage Management	
Residue Management, Seasonal (344) Statement of Work	
Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Standards and Specifications	Introduction of the new practice Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Standards and Specifications, Job Sheet and Statement of Work.
Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Job Sheet	
Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Statement of Work	
Monitoring and Evaluation (799) Standard and Specifications	Revised definition, purpose, and criteria to reflect a more focused approach to water quality as the intended resource concern and water quality monitoring and evaluation.

Technical Guide Notice IL-256 is filed under Section I, "FOTG transmittals" at the FOTG site.



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