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This notice transmits the instructions for obtaining Soil Interpretations Records for Section IIG of the Technical Guide.

The SCS-SOILS-5, Soil Interpretations Records, may now be obtained by using the computer terminals located throughout the state.

These Soil Interpretations Records (SOILS-5) are current as of December 15, 1980. They will replace all existing SCS-SOILS-5's in Section IIG of the Technical Guide dated prior to this date. The SOILS-5's that have been furnished by the state office for Section IIG of the Technical Guide will no longer be distributed. The soil interpretations records in the computer will be brought up to date periodically.

A revised list of the record numbers and date of revision will be sent to each area in October of each year. This list will be used to determine if a new interpretation record is available. Each field office should have retrieved those soil interpretation records necessary to maintain an up-to-date Section IIG of the Technical Guide by December 1. This means of distributing Soil Interpretation Records (SOILS-5) will assure that accurate up-to-date soil information is available to the field offices.

There are only 43 computer terminals in the field. Those field offices which do not have access to a terminal in their county will retrieve the SCS-SOILS-5's from a terminal as designated by the area conservationist.

An alphabetized list of all of the soils mapped in Illinois with their record numbers is attached. These lists are to be used to obtain the record numbers of the soils on the legends in each of the individual field offices.

The format of the soil interpretation records obtained from the computer is different from the SCS-SOILS-5's now being used. This difference in the format is because of the program being used and the capability of the terminals. All of the soils information is available on the format being used.

The storage of the soil interpretations may be placed in a file or a separate binder. The record numbers used to retrieve the soil interpretations, along with a statement of where and how the soil interpretations are stored should be in Section IIG of the Technical Guide.

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