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MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. MA-241

TO: All holders of Field Office Technical Guide, Section IV

Purpose: This notice transmits 1 new standard, 6 revised standards, and deletes 1 standard.

The following conservation practice standard is a *new* issue for Massachusetts FOTG:

- **Land Reclamation, Currently Mined Land (544)** This new standard is issued for use in restoring old gravel pits and other mined areas.

The following management standards have been *revised*:

- **Residue and Tillage Management: No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (329)**. This standard has been revised and renumbered to replace 329a.
- **Residue and Tillage Management: Mulch Till (345)**. This practice standard has been revised and renumbered to replace 329b.
- **Residue and Tillage Management: Ridge Till (346)**. This practice standard has been revised and renumbered to replace 329c.
- **Nutrient Management (590)**. This practice standard primarily presents national criteria; state specific criteria will be provided in a Specification Guide and Job Sheet to be issued in the near future.
- **Waste Utilization (633)**.
- **Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643)** This revision adds criteria for natural oak regeneration, and is accompanied with a Specification Guide and Job Sheet on Natural Oak Regeneration.

The following residue management standard is *rescinded* and will be taken out of the Massachusetts FOTG:

- **Residue and Tillage Management: Seasonal (344)**

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**Filing Instructions.** Insert this notice in front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Replace the existing index located in front of Section IV with the revised index (5/17/07) provided with this notice. File the new and revised Conservation Practice Standards in Section IV, removing the older versions and filing them with other archived standards. Remove the rescinded Conservation Practice Standard and filing them with other archived standards. The new and revised standards have been posted to the Electronic FOTG (eFOTG).

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