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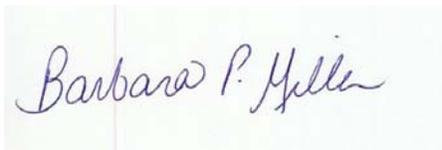
MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. MA-251

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

**Purpose.** This notice transmits one new and three revised conservation practice standards, two revised specification guides, and rescinds one practice.

- **On-Farm Equipment Efficiency Improvements (374).** This is a new national and state standard. This standard contains the criteria for applying greenhouse shades and fans from the rescinded Atmospheric Resource Quality Management (370) standard. This standard also contains the criteria from the MA interim Renewable Energy Production (716) standard.
- **Roofs and Covers (367).** This is a revised national standard with a name change from Waste Facility Cover. The MA standard incorporates the changes from the national standard.
- **Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops (798).** This is a revised national standard that removes the prohibition of supplemental heat or electrically powered ventilation from the definition. There are no other changes.
- **Vegetated Treatment Area (635).** This revision to the MA standard removes the restriction from applying bottling wastewater from the standard. This limitation was due to a restriction from DEP, which has recently been lifted.
- **Specification Guides for Greenhouse Energy/Shade Screens and for Greenhouse HAF System.** These two specification guides have been revised to place them under the new 374 standard, removing references to the rescinded 370 standard.
- **Renewable Energy Production (716).** This MA interim standard is rescinded, and has been replaced with the standard 374, On-Farm Equipment Efficiency Improvements.

**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 (11/30/10) provided with this notice. File the conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. Move interim conservation practice “Renewable Energy Production (716)” to the archived documents section of the FOTG. All of the documents have been posted to the Electronic FOTG (eFOTG).

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