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TECHNICAL GUIDE
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Purpose: To transmit information regarding the electronic NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

Effective Date: This notice is effective upon receipt.

Notice of Changes:

Since July 2002, eFOTG has been available for use in Michigan. NRCS-Michigan employees were instructed (eTGN #165) to use the eFOTG beginning June 10, 2003, because the eFOTG became NRCS-Michigan's official Field Office Technical Guide.

You can access the NRCS-Michigan eFOTG by using web browsers Internet Explorer 5.0. The public web site (www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov) will connect you to the NRCS-Michigan Homepage where you can link onto the NRCS-Michigan eFOTG. NRCS employees may also use the web site: www.my.nrcs.usda.gov. This web site requires a NRCS log-in and password.

There are technical materials at the local NRCS offices that are not available on the eFOTG. These materials are specific to the field office and filed in the Technical Reference Center (TRC). Each NRCS office will maintain a condensed FOTG in hard copy (450-GM, Amend. 5, August 2005).

As a minimum, the following attachments should be filed in a 3-inch binder with a spine labeled "Field Office Technical Guide, Hard Copy, Technical Material, Sections I-V." File this binder on the top shelf of the TRC.

Section I

- **Maps (Yellow Tab).** File Maps of **Local Importance** only; e.g., Pre-European Settlement Vegetation Maps, County Drain Maps, and Gas & Oil Pipeline Maps, MDNR County Maps, Plat Maps, etc. Discard duplicate maps in the eFOTG.
- **Erosion Prediction (Yellow Tab) and Water (Green Tab).** File USLE-Water Erosion Control. This material dates from 3/87 to 10/92 and is to be used in HEL calculations according to the National Food Security Act Manual, Part 511.
- **Laws (Yellow Tab) and Local (Green Tab).** File Laws of Local Importance.

DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide



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Section III

- **Conservation Systems/Program Requirements** (Yellow Tab).
- **Alternative Conservation Systems** (Green Tab).
 - File Local County Maximum "C" Factors Table (May 1988).
 - File Maximum "C" Values for HEL Soil Units (October 1990).
 - File other appropriate Alternative Conservation Systems Plans for Local County.
- **Basic Conservation Systems** (Green Tab).
 - File Conservation Systems for Highly Erodible Soils.

File this Tech Guide Notice in the front of the binder.

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Attachments (Included w/hard copy)