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**TECHNICAL GUIDE  
NOTICE #235 (electronic)**

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

**Effective Date:** This notice is effective upon receipt.

**Notice of Changes**

**SECTION I: General Resource References**

**Economic Cost Data**

In **4. Statewide Conservation Practice Cost Information**, statewide typical practice installation cost information has been updated for FY 2011. The new **Statewide Typical Costs 2011** file includes the typical installation cost, design life, annual maintenance costs, and average annual cost for use in conservation technical assistance to formulate and evaluate alternatives.

The **Practice Cost Development 2011** worksheets for each practice have been added so that the details of the cost basis for the typical installation costs can be identified.

Technical questions should be directed to June Moss, Agricultural Economist, at (517) 324-5280.

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## SECTION IV: Practice Standards and Specifications

### Conservation Practices

The conservation practice standard **Drainage Water Management (554)** and accompanying **Statement of Work** and **O&M Plan** have been updated. Highlights of changes are as follows:

- Revisions are extensive and emphasize that this is a management practice rather than a structural practice.
- Updates reflect most recent national standard revisions.
- Statement of Work is updated to identify required elements of Drainage Water Management Plan and supporting documentation.
- O&M Plan is updated to emphasis that this is a management practice.

Technical questions regarding drainage water management should be directed to Steve Davis, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232.

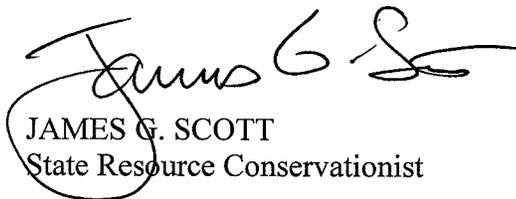
### Michigan Construction Specifications

Construction specification **1. List of Specifications** (MI100), was changed by adding all the specifications to the file. This replaces the index. A word version of MI100 is available making it convenient to provide the "List of Specifications"; rather than adding the specifications needed, those not used can be quickly removed.

Specification **30. Plastic Pipe** (MI182), was revised to include corrugated plastic PE pipe and to clarify it is not appropriate for watering facilities. Specification **34. Pipelines** (MI180) has been added. MI180 is normally used for watering facilities.

Technical questions on engineering specifications should be directed to Fred Gasper, Assistant State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324- 5248.

Questions regarding eFOTG content management should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.



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