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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
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Notice of Changes

SECTION I General References

Michigan Technical Notes

Biology Tech Note # 19 “Availability of Conservation Plant Releases from Rose Lake Plant Materials Center” has been added. The technical note describes the process of developing conservation plant releases and includes a current list of commercial growers who sell conservation plant releases developed by the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center.

Technical questions should be addressed to John Leif, Manager, Rose Lake Plant Materials Center, at (517) 641-6300.

SECTION IV Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

The **Michigan Phosphorus Risk Assessment Tool** (MPRA, formerly Phosphorus Index) has been updated to meet national nutrient management policy and has been placed in the folder for **Nutrient Management (590)** under **Technical References**. The MPRA is used to assess the risk of phosphorus movement to surface waters. It can also be used to determine if manure may be field-applied at the nitrogen or phosphorus crop removal rates.

Technical questions should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

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

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