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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #255 (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 References

Michigan Technical Notes

Agronomy Tech Note # 10, “Mulching Materials for Soil Erosion Control”

This document describes several mulch materials and manufactured products that can be used to prevent soil erosion from wind and water. The materials have application in conservation plantings, stream bank and roadside stabilization, orchard and vegetable production, and landscaping. This document is an update of Agronomy Technical Note #10, Manufactured Mulching Materials, dated July, 1975. This is a supplement to Michigan Conservation Practice Standard 484 “Mulch.”

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

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SECTION III Conservation Management Systems

Resource Quality Criteria for RMS

Per NRCS National Bulletin NB 190-13-13, the existing copy of the ‘National and State Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria’, dated 10/1/2012 has been replaced with an updated copy of ‘**National and State Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria**, dated 10/1/2013. The updated document now reflects a change in the criteria used to assess *inefficient use of irrigation water*, allowing the States to use State-identified measurement and assessment tools. The new document also clarifies the relationship between the list of 31 resource concerns and the resource concern components needed by planners to accurately plan and evaluate conservation systems that address resource concerns. The resource concerns and components will be integrated into Toolkit, Conservation Practice Physical Effects, and the Program Contracts System (ProTracts) with the deployment of the upcoming releases.

Technical questions should be addressed to Sally Van Lieu, Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5279.

SECTION IV Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

The job sheet, ‘**MI Pest Management Considerations in Conservation Planning Worksheet**’ has been revised to fix technical glitches in the Excel spreadsheet. It is found in the folder for conservation practice standard **Integrated Pest Management (595)**.

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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