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TECHNICAL GUIDE

NOTICE #257 (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 III Conservation Management Systems

Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria

Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102)

Due to program documentation requirements for payments the word “Administrative” is updated to “Technical”. The checklist approval/NRCS signature section is also updated to include the words “technical adequacy” in the approval statement.

Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) reviewers should begin to use the **Conservation Action Plan (CAP)-Criteria Checklist CNMP** dated October 2013 upon receipt. All previous versions should be discontinued.

A reminder: the CAP-CNMP Checklist may be used by field reviewers for CNMP submitted by CAP-Certified TSPs only. Forward a copy of all reviews to the East Lansing State Office for the TSP administrative file.

Technical questions regarding the CNMP CAP Checklist should be directed to Sally Van Lieu, Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5279.

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

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SECTION IV Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

To help users identify the conservation practice standard (CPS) documents in eFOTG, the MS-Word files for all conservation practice standards have had 'CPS' added to the file names. The labels on the eFOTG listings have also had the abbreviation 'CPS' added, to distinguish them from job sheets, statements of works, or other documents supporting the conservation practice standard.

An alternate version of the **Michigan Phosphorus Risk Assessment (MPRA)** tool has been developed for use with the **Nutrient Management (590)** conservation practice standard (CPS). The Excel file allows for documentation of the assessment of multiple fields on one page. It has been placed in the folder for Nutrient Management (590) CPS.

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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