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

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Notice of Changes

SECTION III. Conservation Management Systems

Changes were made to the following **Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) Technical Criteria** to reflect changes in the national CAPs:

CAP 106, Forest Management Plan, and supporting templates had minor language edits and updated hyperlinks inserted.

The checklist for **CAP 118, Irrigation Water Management** was updated.

CAP 122, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Headquarters and **124 CAP, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Landscape** were replaced with a single **CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP)**

CAP 126, Comprehensive Air Quality Management Plan, and **CAP 132, Conservation Plan Supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dryland Plan**, are not offered in FY 2015.

CAP 138, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition has been revised to be a resource inventory with recommended practices to support the transition to an organic system plan. A new template provides detailed inventory and data needed by the producer.

CAP 154, IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan deleted the following practices from the typical conservation practice standard list: Brush Management (314); Conservation Cover (327); and Mulching (484).

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

The following plans are supported by **CAP templates**: CAP 106, Forest Management Plan; CAP 114, Integrated Pest Management Plan; 138, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition; and 154, IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan.

Technical questions regarding CAP 106, Forest Management Plans and supporting templates should be addressed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234. Technical questions regarding CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) and CAP 118, Irrigation Water Management, should be addressed to Richard Woodford, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232. Technical questions regarding CAP 114, Integrated Pest Management Plan, CAP 138, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition, and CAP 154, IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

SECTION IV. Practice Standards and Specifications

The following new or updated **engineering** practice standards have been added to the **Conservation Practices** folder:

On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility (319): This is a new national practice standard that replaces conservation practice standard **Agricultural Secondary Containment Facility (710)** and **Fueling Facility, Above Ground Storage (713)**. This standard now includes the design criteria for all fuel storage tank sizes. A guidance document has also been developed to assist in providing clarification on the regulations and permit requirements when storage tank capacities are greater than 3,300 gallons. This 319 practice standard guidance document will be posted on the NRCS-MI Engineering share point.

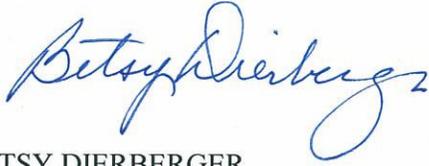
Stormwater Runoff Control (570): The national conservation practice standard has been adopted for Michigan's use. This practice is to address soil erosion during and following construction activities.

Trails and Walkways (575): The agency incorporated Trails and Walkways (568) into Animal Trails and Walkways (575) under the name Trails and Walkways (575). These standards were combined into one because many of the criteria are very similar. The practice name, definition, purpose, and conditions where practice applies were modified accordingly. The agency clarified references to supporting practices. A design guide is referenced in the practice standard (NRCS LAN Architecture Note 4, Trails and Walkways Design Aid, 210-VI-LAN-04). This design guide is posted in the NRCS-MI Engineering webpage.

Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D): This standard was updated to reflect the changes in the 313 – Waste Storage Facility practice standard. This standard now includes all the criteria needed for a compacted clay liner. The clay liner maximum allowable specific discharge design criterion has changed to be consistent with the Animal Waste Management Field Handbook, chapter 10, appendix 10D. The practice Statement of Work has also been updated on Installation, Deliverables and liner construction documentation.

Technical questions regarding these engineering practice standards should be addressed to Richard Woodford, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232.

Questions regarding Field Office Technical Guide should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

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