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**TECHNICAL GUIDE  
NOTICE #270 (electronic)**

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

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**Notice of Changes**

**SECTION I. General References**

**Michigan Technical Notes**

The **Michigan Biology Technical Note #19, "Availability of Conservation Plant Releases from Rose Lake Plant Materials Center"**, was updated for 2015. This technical note describes the plant release process from the NRCS Plant Materials Program and provides a list of commercial seed growers or nurseries that offer releases from the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center.

Technical questions regarding this technical note should be addressed to John Durling, Plant Materials Center Manager, at (517) 641-6300.

**SECTION II. Natural Resources Information**

**Rose Lake Plant Materials Center**

The **Plant Materials Grower List** was updated for 2015 and is available on the reverse side of the poster, "USDA-Tested Plants Address Natural Resource Concerns".

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## SECTION IV. Standards and Specifications

### Conservation Practices

A new conservation practice, **Denitrifying Bioreactor (747)** has been added to the Michigan FOTG. This practice is a structure build at the end of an agricultural field drainage tile system containing a carbon source and water control structure. This system provides a treatment function to reduce the concentration of nitrate nitrogen in field tile flow through an enhanced denitrification process. This is an interim practice standard that requires state office review and approval prior to contracting. **This practice will only be offered through the GLRI program in FY15.**

Technical questions should be directed to Richard Woodford, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232.

Changes were made to the **Fence (382)** conservation practice standard reflect minor changes in the National Conservation Practice Standard.

Technical questions should be directed to Betsy Dierberger, State Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5265.

The **Forest Trails and Landings (655) Job Sheet** has been updated to reflect changes made to the CPS in October 2014. Most notably, the fillable Specifications section has been re-designed to match the two-stage design approach in the updated CPS.

Technical questions should be directed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234.

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



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