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TECHNICAL GUIDE
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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

Erosion Prediction

In **Folder 3. Water Erosion**, the **Michigan Modular Soil Erosion System (MOSES) Data** has been updated for 2014. The previous 2009 data has been archived. Data can be found on the Michigan NRCS website under Technical Resources/Ecological Sciences/Agronomy.

Technical questions should be addressed to Jerry Grigar, State Agronomist, at (517) 324-5250.

SECTION III. Conservation Management Systems

Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria

The following **Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) Checklists** were updated:

Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) (102)
Drainage Water Management (130)
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management (142)
Grazing Management Plan (110)
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (114)
Nutrient Management Plan (104)
Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan (146)

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Updates to these CAP Checklists are as follows:

- All CAPs: inserted Betsy Dierberger's name as State Resource Conservationist (SRC) for Technical Service Providers (TSPs) to submit all plans used for certification to the SRC so the TSP Coordinator can track plans that come in. Betsy can then notify Rick Woodford, as needed, for any plans that need an engineer review.
- Cut and paste the "NRCS Reviewers" note to below the SRC address & contact info, so the SRC address is directly below the note telling TSPs to send CAPs to the SRC for review as part of a certification application.
- "NRCS Reviewers" note was slightly revised to include a statement if the local conservationist did not have the appropriate certification or Job Approval Authority (JAA) to consult the responsible Area Office staff. (i.e., Area Engineer for CAP-128; or ARC/RC for IPM, NMP or CNMPs; or Area Biologist/RC for CAP-142 & CAP-146.)
- ADDED 'Site Feasibility and Evaluation of Existing Components Reports' as a component to the existing Manure and Wastewater Storage and Handling components because there have been specific incidents where this was overlooked simply because it was not listed separately. Since this is a very important component in a CNMP it does justify listing it separately.
- Updated the footers to read April 2015.

Technical questions on the Integrated Pest Management Plan (114) and Nutrient Management Plan (104) should be addressed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

Technical questions on Drainage Water Management Plan (130) should be addressed to Rick Woodford, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232

Technical questions on the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (142) and the Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan (146) should be addressed to Dan Zay, State Biologist, at (517) 324-5267.

Technical questions on the Grazing Management Plan (110) should be addressed to Betsy Dierberger, State Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5265.

Technical questions on the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102) should be addressed to Betsy Dierberger, State Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5265.

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