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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 III. Conservation Management Systems

Resource Quality Criteria for RMS

The **Quality Criteria for Resource Concerns** has been updated to reflect Michigan screening and assessment level revisions. All conservation planners should begin to utilize the MI Oct 2015 version immediately and discard other versions.

Technical questions should be directed to Sally Van Lieu, Resource Conservationist, at (517) 324-5279 or sally.vanlieu@mi.usda.gov.

Section IV. Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

The national interim conservation practice **Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops (798)** has been replaced with the national conservation practice standard **High Tunnel System (325)**. The practice standard and accompanying **Statement of Work** have been added to the FOTG.

Technical questions should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239 or ruth.shaffer@mi.usda.gov.

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

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The following **Engineering Conservation Practice standards** and accompanying **Statements of Work** and **O&M Plan** documents have been updated to reflect changes in the national practice standards:

Heavy Use Area Protection (561):

- Clarification was included where practice applies to address resource concerns.
- Concrete criteria has been updated to meet the national practice standard criteria.

Agrichemical Handling Facility (309):

- The standard was updated to meet the national practice standard criteria.
- Well setback is limited to 100 ft. per national practice standard changes.
- Concrete criteria was significantly changed.
- A new construction specification will be developed for Class 5000 concrete.

Waste Transfer – 634

- Updated the practice definition, allowing flood routing for pumped systems.
- Additional criteria was added for pipelines/conduits, pressure systems and gravity systems.
- New considerations were added.
- A pump pressure test is now required as part of the as-built documentation.

Questions regarding these engineering conservation practice standards should be addressed to Rick Woodford, State Conservation Engineer, at (517) 324-5232 or rick.woodford@mi.usda.gov.

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