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To: District Conservationists
Area Conservationists
Area Resource Conservationists
Area Biologists
Engineering Staff
Field Technical Services Staff
Key Staff
Area Engineers
Civil Engineers
Project Engineers
State Technical Committee

Subject: Notice of proposed changes to Missouri Practice Standards, Specifications, Operation & Maintenance (O&M), and Statements of Work (SOW) for review and comment.

ACTION REQUIRED TO STATE OFFICE by May 7, 2012

The following Missouri draft practice standard, SOW and Specification have been posted on the Missouri NRCS Webpage for review and comment.

Draft practice posted for review and comment:

- *Cover Crop (340) – Standard and SOW*
Revised to clarify broadcast seeding rates (refer only to the tables), allowable harvest uses, and seeding rate information where needed.
- *Vegetation Establishment (723) – Specification*
Revised to clarify mechanical seeding requirements separate from broadcast seedings, include all seeding practices under this specification, and to add a new species and a new cultivar.

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http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/standards_index.html

For the next 45 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standard(s). Draft standards are for review and comment only. District Conservationists should review these draft standards with conservation district boards and their employees.

The following procedure shall be followed for response from within NRCS and SWCD to the State Office: District responses should be furnished to the District Conservationist. DCs shall consolidate comments (NRCS and SWCD) from all counties within a FOSA and submit one response directly to the State Office. Area Offices should consolidate area staff responses. Send summaries and comments regarding Cover Crop (340) to Glenn Davis at glenn.davis@mo.usda.gov and summaries or comments regarding Vegetation Establishment (723) to Mark Kennedy at mark.kennedy@mo.usda.gov.

Responses from members of the State Technical Committee can be sent Dwaine Gelnar or emailed to dwaine.gelnar@mo.usda.gov.



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