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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

**Date:** May 12, 2009

**Subject:** Notice of proposed changes to Missouri Practice Standards for review and comment.

**ACTION REQUIRED TO STATE OFFICE by June 26, 2009.**

There is one Missouri draft practice standard and statement of work posted on the Missouri NRCS Webpage for review and comment.

**Draft practice posted for review and comment:**

- *Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (447) Standard and SOW*

The draft standard reflects the new national standard. There are no major changes in the new national standard.

To access the draft, click on the link below.

[http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/standards\\_index.html](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 all summaries and comments to Mari Gilford, Agricultural Engineer, Columbia, MO. Responses may be mailed to the State Office or emailed to Mari at [mari.gilford@mo.usda.gov](mailto:mari.gilford@mo.usda.gov). Responses from members of the State Technical Committee can be sent to Dick Purcell. Responses may be mailed to the State Office or emailed to [dick.purcell@mo.usda.gov](mailto:dick.purcell@mo.usda.gov).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Ball".

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State Resource Conservationist