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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE NO. 64

Purpose. To update various references in Section I, add the Conservation System Guide summary table to Section III, add the Conservation Practice Physical Effects (CPPE) table and explanatory information to Section V, and make minor revisions to other documents. A revised Change Notice Register and tables of contents for Sections I, III, and V are attached.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. Section I: Electronic links to references have been updated to reflect current URLs.

Section III: A summary table has been added for currently available Maryland Conservation System Guides that are utilized in Toolkit. This table was previously distributed to NRCS field offices. Minor revisions were made to the "Guidance Documents" subsection (updated practice names and codes in these documents).

Section V: The new CPPE table displays a numerical rating of physical effects that each conservation practice may have on resource concerns for the five primary resources – Soil, Water, Air, Plants, and Animals (SWAPA). The "Introduction to CPPE" document explains the values that are used in the CPPE table. Minor revisions were made to the "Overview" document in this section and to the "Effects of Resource Management Systems" (updated practice names and codes).

Filing Instructions. Field offices are not required to maintain paper copies of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). If binder copies are maintained, take the following actions:

- File this Change Notice and the new Change Notice Register in the front of Section I of the FOTG. Discard the old Change Notice Register.
- File the attached revised tables of contents, download all updated documents from the eFOTG (refer to the "Date Issued/Revised" column in the attachments), and file in the appropriate section of the FOTG. Discard all superseded materials.

Distribution. This information is being distributed electronically to all field offices, and will be available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>. Click on Maryland, and go to the appropriate eFOTG section.

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Attachments

DIST: Maryland NRCS Field Offices (electronic distribution only)

Maryland Technical Guide

CHANGE NOTICE REGISTER

Notice		Section	Action Required	Pages	
No.	Date			No. (s)	Dates
1	9/25/92	All sections	Initial release of new technical guide.	All	6/92 - 1092
2	12/4/92	IV	Revised standard - 378 - Pond	378-1 to 19	11/92
3	4/29/93	I-A	New plant materials reference.	---	1993
4	4/29/93	I-G	New T&E species reference.	---	8/29/92
5	4/29/93	I-A	New stream protection references.	---	Various
6	4/29/93	I-A	New agronomy references.	---	1992
7	5/3/93	I-A	Reference lists	I-A-1 to 30	5/93
8	6/29/93	II, III	New Dividers for Sections II and III	---	6/93
9	7/8/93	I-E	Growing Seasons for Wetland Hydrology	Map	5/89
10	9/14/93	I-A, VI	Water Quality Guidelines & Hydrology	---	9/93
11	12/20/93	IV	Revised standard - 560 - Access Road	560-1 to 4	12/93
11	12/20/93	IV	Revised standard - 412 - Grassed Waterway	412-1 to 4	12/93
11	12/20/93	IV	Revised standard - 641 - Water Table Control	641-1 to 7	12/93
11	12/20/93	IV	Revised standard - 590 - Nutrient Mgmt.	590-1 to 6	12/93
12	2/15/94	All Sections	Changes related to COMAR 26.09.03	i-ix; II;III;IV;V	10/93
13	4/94	I-A, IV	New Standard and references		
14	12/5/94	I-A, I-B	Cost Data & Economic references		
15	2/6/95	IV	Revised standard - 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure	IV; IV-v to IV-vii	2/95
16	3/95	IV	Interim standard - 234-I Sinkhole and Sinkhole Area Treatment	IV; IV-v to IV-vii	3/95
17	3/95	I-D	RUSLE		
18	4/95	II	Rev. Interpretative Groupings and Physical and Chemical Properties of the Soils		
19	6/95	IV	Interim Standard - 240-I Well Plugging	IV-v to IV-vii	
20	9/95	I-D	RUSLE software		9/95
21	1/96	IV-B	Conservation Practice Instruction Sheets		
22	3/96	IV	Revised standard - 382 - Fence	IV; IV-v to IV-vii	3/96
23	5/96	I-G	Revised T & E Species Lists	I-G-i to I-G-iii	5/96
24	11/96	II	Field Indicators of Hydric Soil in U.S.		11/96

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25	11/96	IV	Revised standards - 561 - Heavy Use Area Protection 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer 558 - Roof Runoff Management 587 - Structure for Water Control 313 - Waste Storage Facility 359 - Waste Treatment Lagoon	IV; IV-v to IV-vii	various
		I	Maps - Maryland Major Land Resource Areas Maryland Common Resource Areas Lower Shore CRA Map Upper Shore CRA Map Southern Maryland CRA Map Central Maryland CRA Map Western Maryland CRA Map	I-C-1 to I-C-7	11/96
26	3/97	I-D	RUSLE - C Factor Tables	various	3/97
			P Factor Tables	various	3/97
27	6/97	I-E	Plant Hardiness Zone Map		6/97
28	7/97	IV-B	Conservation Practice Instruction Sheets		7/97
29	12/97	II	Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in U.S.	various	12/97
30	12/97	IV	Revised Standards	various	various
31	12/97	IV	Revised Standard - Riparian Herbaceous Buffer		3/98
32	10/98	IV	Revised Standard - 759-I 390		10/98
33	2/99	I-C	Fact Sheets 1997 Census of Ag.		2/99
34	2/10/99	IV	New & Revised Standards - 386 - Field Border 657 - Wetland Restoration 658 - Wetland Creation 646 - Shallow Water Area for Wildlife	Various	1/99
35	2/16/99	I, I-D, IV	New RUSLE P Factor Tables	Pgs. 16 - 47	1/99
			Change Notice Register	ix - xi	2/99
			List of Conservation Practice Standards	Page IV-v to IV-vii	2/99
36	6/2/99	IV	Revised Standard - 561 Heavy Use Area Protection		5/99
37	9/3/99	IV	Revised Standards - 327 Conservation Cover and Riparian Herbaceous Cover 390		9/99
38	9/2/99	I-D	Revised RUSLE 10-yr EI map and new tables for RUSLE P Subfactors for Contour and Cross Slope Farming Change Notice Register List of Conservation Practice Standards		9/99

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39	11/13/99	II - Cropland Interpretations	Leaching Values for the Maryland Phosphorus Site Index Table		11/99
40	1/26/2000	IV	Revised Standard - 378 Pond		1/00
41	6/5/2000	IV	Revised Standards – 646 – Shallow Water Area for Wildlife 657 – Wetland Restoration 658 – Wetland Creation New Job Sheet – Shallow Water Area for Wildlife		6/00
42	7/11/00	IV, IV-B	Revised Standard – 391 – Riparian Forest Buffer New Job Sheet – Wetland Restoration and Creation		6/00 7/00
43	1/9/01	IV	Revised Standards – 328 – Conservation Crop Rotation 386 – Field Border 399 – Fishpond Management 422 – Hedgerow Planting 645 – Upland Wildlife Habitat Management 644 – Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management		1/01
44	02/12/01	I-C	Maps Maryland Congressional Districts 8-digit HUA		2/01
45	3/8/01	IV	Revised Standards - 314 - Brush Management 342 - Critical Area Planting 393 - Filter Strip 516 - Pipeline 558 - Roof Runoff Structure 574 - Spring Development 614 - Watering Facility		4/01
46	06/19/01	IV	Cancelled Standards – 322 – Channel Vegetation 324 – Chiseling and Subsoiling 326 – Clearing and Snagging 402 – Dam, Floodwater Retarding Structure 349 – Dam, Multiple Purpose 392 – Field Windbreak 394 – Firebreak 408 – Forest Land Erosion Control System 411 – Grasses and Legumes in Rotation 436 – Irrigation Storage Reservoir 442 – Irrigation System, Sprinkler 441 – Irrigation System, Trickle 449 – Irrigation Water Management		06/01

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			460 – Land Clearing 543 – Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land 544 – Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land 466 – Land Smoothing 484 – Mulching 582 – Open Channel 562 – Recreation Area Improvement 566 – Recreation Land Grading & Shaping 568 – Recreation Trail & Walkway 572 – Spoilbank Spreading 577 – Stormwater Management System 589 – Stripcropping, Wind Cancelled Standards (continued) – 610 – Toxic Salt Reduction 654 – Woodland Improved Harvesting 660 – Woodland Pruning 490 – Woodland Site Preparation		
47	06/27/01	IV	Revised Standards – 362 – Diversion 412 – Grassed Waterway 590 – Nutrient Management New Standard – 360 – Closure of Waste Impoundments		
48	07/26/01	IV	New Standard – 635 – Wastewater Treatment Strip		
49	11/30/01	IV	Revised Standards – 702 – Agrichemical Handling Facility 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment 472 – Use Exclusion New Standard – 749 – Waste Field Storage		
50	1/16/02	IV	New Standard – 332 – Contour Buffer Strips Cancelled Standards – 330 – Contour Farming 331 – Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area 585 – Stripcropping, Contour 586 – Stripcropping, Field 312 – Waste Management System 641 – Water Table Control		

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51	3/15/02	IV	Revised Standard – 728 – Stream Crossing New Standards – 642 – Water Well 638 – Water and Sediment Control Basin		
52	7/22/02	IV	Revised Standards – 327 – Conservation Cover 410 – Grade Stabilization Structure 350 – Sediment Basin 580 – Streambank and Shoreline Protection 587 – Structure for Water Control 606 – Subsurface Drain 607 – Surface Drainage, Field Ditch 608 – Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral 600 – Terrace 620 – Underground Outlet 380 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment		
53	10/29/02	IV	Revised Standards – 317 – Composting Facility 342 – Critical Area Planting 432 – Dry Hydrant 646 – Shallow Water Area for Wildlife 658 – Wetland Creation 657 – Wetland Restoration Engineering Design Sheet – Dry Hydrant Planning Information and Design, MD-ENG-228		
54	2/24/2003	IV	Revised Standards - 666 - Forest Stand Improvement 521A - Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane 521B - Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant 521C - Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Treatment		
55	5/19/2003	IV	Revised Standards – 561 – Heavy Use Area Protection 313 – Waste Storage Facility (formerly Waste Storage Structure) 359 – Waste Treatment Lagoon 633 – Waste Utilization Cancelled Standards – 749 – Waste Field Storage		

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56	7/21/03	IV-B	New Maryland Jobsheets – Cool-Season Grasses Warm-Season Grasses Trees and Shrubs (Containerized/B&B) Trees and Shrubs (Bare-Root) Windbreaks for Poultry Houses		7/03
57	7/22/03	IV	Revised Standard – 382 – Fence MD-RES-382 Practice Checklist 19 Standard Drawings for Fence New Standards – 511 – Forage Harvest Management MD-RES-511 Practice Checklist 595 – Pest Management MD-RES-595 Practice Checklist Cancelled Standard – 991-G – Record Keeping		7/03
58	1/15/04	IV	Revised Standard – 725 – Sinkhole and Sinkhole Area Treatment (formerly Code 234-I) Two (2) Standard Drawings for Sinkhole and Sinkhole Area Treatment		1/04
59	3/25/04	IV-A	New and Revised Standards – 332 - Contour Buffer Strips 330 - Contour Farming 340 - Cover Crop 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation 442 - Irrigation System, Sprinkler 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery 449 - Irrigation Water Management 512 - Pasture and Hay Planting 516 - Pipeline 329A - Residue Management, No-Till/Strip-Till 329B - Residue Management, Mulch-Till 329C - Residue Management, Ridge-Till 344 - Residue Management, Seasonal 585 - Stripcropping New Checklist - MD-RES-512 Practice Checklist		3/04
		IV-B	New Maryland Instruction Sheets - Comparing Warm-Season and Cool-Season Grasses Pasture and Hay Planting		1/04 3/04

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60	9/23/04	IV-A	Revised Standards – 340 - Cover Crop 558 - Roof Runoff Structure 560 - Access Road 578 - Stream Crossing 702 - Agrichemical Mixing Facility		9/04
61	8/15/05	IV-A	Revised Standard – 528 - Prescribed Grazing MD-RES-528 Worksheets 1 - 10		7/05
62	3/27/06	IV-A	New Interim Standard – 789 – Transition to Organic Production		3/06
63	11/28/06	IV-A	New Standards and Checklist – 366 - Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temperature; 592 – Feed Management MD-RES-592 Checklist Revised Standards – 314 - Brush Management; 360 - Closure of Waste Impoundments; 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet; 345 - Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch-Till; 329 - Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct-Seed; 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer; 646 - Shallow Water Development and Management; 606 - Subsurface Drain; 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management; 359 - Waste Treatment Lagoon; 642 - Water Well; 658 - Wetland Creation; 657 - Wetland Restoration; 644 - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management.		11/06

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64	4/4/07	I	Updated Table of Contents and various references throughout this section.		3/07
		III	Updated Table of Contents and added CSG Summary Table. Minor revisions to the Guidance Documents subsection (updated practice names and codes in these documents).		3/07
		V	Updated Table of Contents, added CPPE table and explanatory information. Minor revisions to the Overview page and to the Effects of Resource Management Systems (updated practice names and codes in the document).		4/07

SECTION I GENERAL RESOURCE REFERENCES

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I – E Erosion Prediction	03/07	03/07
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AND QUALITY CRITERIA**

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SECTION V CONSERVATION EFFECTS

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	2. CPPE Matrix	04/07	04/07
V – B	Effects of Resource Management Systems	03/07	04/07