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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE
CHANGE NOTICE NO. 75

Purpose. To distribute Conservation Activity Plans in Section III and new and revised Conservation Practice Standards in Section IV. A revised List of Conservation Practices and the Change Notice Register have also been updated.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. **Section III.** The eFOTG has been updated to include national criteria for the following Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) that are available in Maryland: Also templates have been developed for some CAPs. They were developed to provide a more direct outline of the essential information that is to be included in the plan and provide better documentation for the NRCS field office.

- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Criteria (Code 102)
- Nutrient Management Plan Criteria (Code 104)
- Forest Management Plan Criteria (Code 106)
- Integrated Pest Management Plan Criteria (114)
- Irrigation Water Management Plan Criteria (Code 118)
- Agriculture Energy Management Plan Criteria, Headquarters Criteria (122)
- Agriculture Energy Management Plan Criteria, Landscape Criteria (124)
- Drainage Water Management Plan Criteria (130)
- Conservation Plan Supporting Organic transition Plan Criteria (138)

Section IV: The following Maryland conservation practice standards are issued as final

- **Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant Treatment (Code 521B)** – This Maryland standard has been updated to better match the changes to the technical guidance document, National Engineering Handbook Series, Part 651, AWMFH, Chapter 10, Appendix 10D.
- **Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Treatment (Code 521C)** – This Maryland standard has been updated to better match the changes to the technical guidance document, National Engineering Handbook Series, Part 651, AWMFH, Chapter 10, Appendix 10D.

- **Roof Runoff Structure (Code 558)** – There are no significant changes to this practice standard. It was reviewed to ensure it was still current.
- **Stream Crossing (Code 578)** – There are no significant changes to this practice standard. It was reviewed to ensure it was still current.
- **Underground Outlet (Code 620)** – The “Purpose” section was expanded to include other water concentration areas. There are no other significant changes to this practice standard.

The following are new Maryland conservation practice standards and are issued as final:

- **Roofs and Covers (Code 367)** – This is a new standard for a rigid, semi-rigid, or flexible manufactured membrane, composite material, or roof structure to be placed over a waste management facility. The purposes are to provide a roof or cover for: water quality improvement, diversion of clean water from animal management areas (i.e. barnyard, feedlot or exercise area) and/or waste storage facilities, capture of biogas for energy production, reducing net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, air quality improvement and odor reduction.
- **Farmstead Energy Improvement (Code 374)** – This is a new standard for the development and implementation of improvements to reduce on-farm energy use or improve the energy efficiency.
- **Obstruction Removal (Code 500)** - This is a new standard to safely remove and dispose of unwanted obstructions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use

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Instructions.

Section I:

- File this Change Notice and the Change Notice Register in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Section III:

- Contents of this section are distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. Optional: If desired, paper copies of the CAPs may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section III-E of the FOTG binder.

Section IV-A: Contents of this section are distributed in electronic format (eFOTG) only. If desired, paper copies of the standards may be downloaded from the eFOTG and filed in Section IV-A of the FOTG binder.

- File the revised List of Conservation Practice Standards in the front of Section IV-Practice Standards. Discard the old list.
- Remove and discard the old standards for Codes 521B, 521C, 558, 578, and 620.
- File the new standards for Codes 367, 374 and 500 in Section IV.

Distribution.

All new and revised content may be downloaded from the Maryland NRCS eFOTG web page: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> .

If you have questions concerning the Conservation Practice Standards, please contact Allan Stahl, State Conservation Engineer at 443-482-2912. If you have questions concerning the Conservation Activity Plans, please contact Ramon Ortiz at 443-482-2962.



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Attachments

DIST: Maryland NRCS Field Offices (w/ attachments)
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