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Purpose. To distribute two revised Conservation Practice Standards for Section IV. A revised List of Conservation Practices and the Change Notice Register have also been updated.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. Section IV: The following Maryland conservation practice standards have been revised and are issued as final.

- Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (Code 329) – This Maryland standard name has been changed to "Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till." Additional criteria clarification was added to not allow any full width tillage for this practice and the soil tillage intensity rating (STIR) value was reduced from 30 to 20.
- Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (Code 345) – This Maryland standard has been updated to incorporate standard "346 Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till" and the name has been changed to "Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till." Criteria was added to establish a maximum soil tillage intensity rating (STIR) value of 80.

The following National conservation practice standard has been cancelled.

- Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till (Code 346) – the agency deleted this practice and incorporated this standard into "Residue and Tillage Management , Reduced Till (Code 345).(NHCP Notice 159).

Filing Instructions. Section I:

- File this Change Notice and the Change Notice Register (new page xxii) in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Section IV: 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 of the FOTG binder.

- File the revised List of Conservation Practices Standards in the front of Section IV- Practice Standards. Discard the old list.
- Remove and discard the old standards for Codes 329 and 345. File the revised standards for Codes 329 and 345.

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