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The first two numbers on the technical guide notice represent the fiscal year (2011). The last two numbers represent the notice number for the year.

Important: Please “**Reload Domain Data**”, which is located under “File” on the main toolbar in Customer Service Toolkit, on all computers. Reloading Domain data will insure the Toolkit user has updated practices and narratives from Conservation Practice Standards.

Per North Carolina supplement to the General Manual 120, Part 403 only FOTG Sections I and IV are required to be maintained in hardcopy format. Technical References are no longer required to be maintained in hard copy, however if they are maintained then references may be kept in file drawers. If additional directives are printed and maintained for office use, these files must be updated with the latest releases, versions, and supplements. Obtain copies for printing from NRCS FOTG website.

Please take the following action in the hard copies of the Field Office Technical Guide:

Section I	
Remove and discard the NC Wind Erosion Equation from Section I behind the Agronomy tab.	
Note in Section I behind the Cost Data tab under Practice Payment Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 317 Compost
File in Section I behind the Reference List tab behind the Agronomy tab. Discard old version.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agronomy Technical References
File in Section I behind the Reference Lists tab behind the Plant Materials tab.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invasive Species List (<i>For use with 2011 EQIP/WHIP Practice Guidelines</i>) ▪ Native Understory Forbs and Grasses for Pollinator and Insect Utilization in Southeast Longleaf Pine Systems
File in Section I behind the Erosion Prediction tab under Wind Erosion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Table 502-1 Crop Tolerance to Blowing Soil
Section II	
Note in Section II behind new tab Soil Leaching Index (LI) Information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soil Leaching Index (LI) Maps by Soil Hydrology Group ▪ Soil Rating for Nitrate and Soluble Nutrients
Note in Section II behind the Cultural Resources Information tab.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertakings List (<i>Revised April 2011</i>)
Section III	
Note in Section III behind Resource Quality Criteria for RMS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NC Quality Criteria Matrix (<i>Dated April 2011</i>)
Section IV	
Print the following from FOTG; file at the front of Section IV. Discard old version.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conservation Practice Index - Standards and Specifications (<i>rev. April 2011</i>)
Print the following <u>updated</u> standards from FOTG and file alphabetically.	



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- Access Road (560)
- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Bedding (310)
- Clearing and Snagging (326)
- Constructed Wetland (656)
- Diversion (362)
- Grassed Waterway (412)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Obstruction Removal (500)
- Pumping Plant (533)
- Sediment Basin (350)
- Spoil Spreading (572)
- Structure for Water Control (587)
- Terrace (600)
- Trails and Walkways (568)

Print the following interim standard from FOTG and file alphabetically.

- Agricultural Secondary Containment Facility (710)

Section IV continued

Note the following revised Job Sheet additions to Section IV in FOTG. Dates on the job sheets reflect the dates they were created.

- Firebreak (394) *Revised*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew R. Flint".

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