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**FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE (FOTG)
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NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE 13-06**

Purpose. This notice transmits information regarding updates to the North Carolina electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). In addition, notes are included to highlight key changes made to conservation practice standards.

Effective Date. This notice is effective when received.

Filing Instructions. Only FOTG Sections I and IV are required to be maintained in hardcopy format at field offices (NC supplement G.M. 120, Part 403). Any FOTG sections that are printed and maintained for office use must be kept up-to-date with the latest releases, versions, and supplements. Obtain any needed FOTG documents for printing from NRCS eFOTG website: http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map.

Important: Toolkit users must “Reload Domain Data” at this time insure the Toolkit user has updated practices and narratives from Conservation Practice Standards. Complete the Reload Domain Data by clicking on the command located under “File” on the main toolbar in Customer Service Toolkit, on each computer running Toolkit.

Notice of Changes:

SECTION I - General References

In the Maps folder under “Major Land Resource Areas in NC and Adjacent States”, replace the existing document with the new version:

MLRA in NC & Adjacent States (*August 2013*) – Updated link.

SECTION III – Conservation Management Systems

In the folder “Resource Quality Criteria for RMS”:

National and State Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria (*October 2013*) – Replaced October 2012 version per National Bulletin 190-13-13. The new document updates the criteria for assessing *inefficient use of irrigation water* to allow for the use of State measurement and assessment tools. Changes also clarify the relationship between the list of resource concerns and the resource concern components used to plan and evaluate conservation systems that address resource issues.

SECTION IV – Practice Standards

Revised Job Sheets: The following existing job sheets have been revised to align with the current associated conservation practice standard.

Mulching (484) (*September 2013*) – Revised to remove a purpose that is not in the standard.

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