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## FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-46

This notice announces revisions to Section II, Section III, and Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) as follows:

### Section II:

- Ecological Site Description (ESD) data for Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) 54 has been added to eFOTG, Section II, D. Ecological Site Descriptions, MLRA 54 subfolder.
- Ecological Site Reports for all MLRA 54 counties, except Emmons, have been posted in the respective eFOTG, Section II, Soil Information, county subfolders. They replace the Range Site Reports in the following MLRA 54 counties:
  - Adams
  - Billings
  - Bowman
  - Dunn
  - Golden Valley
  - Grant
  - Hettinger
  - McKenzie
  - Morton
  - Oliver
  - Sioux
  - Slope
  - Stark

### Section III:

Table I – National and State Resource Concerns and Quality Criteria (October 2003) replaced Table I – Quality Criteria Guide for Resource Management Systems (February 2002). The new table includes all resource concerns identified by the National Office and lists the National criteria levels. There is also a column for State quality criteria levels. The State column can be either the same as the National criteria, more comprehensive than the National criteria, or NA (Not Applicable) in North Dakota.

The new North Dakota quality criteria levels are very similar to the superceded North Dakota quality criteria. Use the new quality criteria levels for determining Resource Management Systems (RMS) for conservation planning.

Environmental evaluation Form ND-CPA-052 will be revised soon to incorporate these changes. The current version (April 2002) of ND-CPA-052 may be used until the revised version is released.

*Section IV:*

Conservation Practice Standard 532 - Pumped Well Drain - has been withdrawn from the FOTG.

**Filing Instructions**

Section II - Table of Contents. Edit Table of Contents to include local information, and then replace the outdated Table of Contents.

Direct ESD questions to Jeff Printz, Rangeland Management Specialist, (701) 530-2080 or [jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov](mailto:jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov) and direct quality criteria questions to Gene Schock, Resource Conservationist, (701) 530-2084 or [eugene.schock.@nd.usda.gov](mailto:eugene.schock.@nd.usda.gov) or Mark A. Anderson, Resource Conservationist, (701) 530-2039 or [mark.anderson@nd.usda.gov](mailto:mark.anderson@nd.usda.gov).

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