

**SECTION V– CONSERVATION EFFECTS  
TERM DESCRIPTIONS**

**SECTION V – CONSERVATION PRACTICES PHYSICAL EFFECTS**

**Practice Setting**

A description of the practice as typically used and its representative setting. Applicable land use(s) and other specific information may be listed to further define the situation being rated for "effects."

**Baseline Setting**

A description of the conditions that exist in the planning situation on which the effects of practice application are based.

**Effect:**

The magnitude of the practice's effect on the resource concern assuming the practice is fully functional. WORSENING indicates the concern becomes greater and IMPROVEMENT denotes the concern diminishes. The term SLIGHT signifies a noticeable but limited increase or decrease in the resource concern commensurate with the potential influence at the site level (e.g., generally no more than a 10 percent change in measurable quantities achievable at the site level). The term SUBSTANTIAL denotes that the practice clearly and markedly increases or decreases the resource concern (e.g., usually more than a 50 percent change at the site level). The term MODERATE describes a condition more than SLIGHT and less than SUBSTANTIAL. A rating of NEUTRAL indicates that the fully-functioning practice normally causes no change, a negligible change, or a "net" no effect in the resource concern. NOT APPLICABLE means the practice normally has no relation to the resource concern.

**Rationale**

Explanation of how the practice produces the effect.

**Purpose**

YES indicates the concern is stated or encompassed in the practice standard's purpose section.