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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 605

This notice transmits updates to Section IV – Conservation Practices in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

SECTION IV UPDATES INCLUDE:

Mulching Code (484)

This is a revision of the existing standard in accordance with National Conservation Practice Standard. The material requirements have been removed from the practice standard and placed in the Design Procedures for Mulching (484DP).

Mulching Design Procedures (484DP)

This is a new Design Procedure for Mulching. The 484DP addresses mulch requirements, quality standards, application rates, installation, anchoring, and operation and maintenance.

If you have any questions regarding 484 and/or 484DP, please contact Renee Hancock, State Water Quality Specialist, at (402) 437-4064 or by e-mail at renee.hancock@ne.usda.gov or Corey Brubaker, State Agronomist, at (402) 437-4164 or by e-mail at corey.brubaker@ne.usda.gov.

Stream Crossing (578)

This standard is not currently in the Nebraska FOTG but is being added. Standard drawings for rock and concrete ford crossings are also available.

Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)

This is a revision of the existing standard in accordance with the National Handbook of Conservation Practices.

Watering Facility (614)

This is a revision of the existing standard in accordance with the National Handbook of Conservation Practices. It contains requirements for wildlife watering facilities since the Wildlife Watering Facility (648) practice standard has been removed from the list of available practices. An appendix is attached for the design of ramps in livestock tanks. Planning Sheet 22 is also available to assist with planning for guzzlers which incorporates standardized and simplified sizing criteria.

If you have any questions regarding 578, 580, 614 and its appendix and/or Planning Sheet 22, please contact Ritch Nelson, State Wildlife Biologist, at (402) 437-4100 or by e-mail at ritch.nelson@ne.usda.gov.



Note: The State Office will archive a hard copy of all materials and copies of electronic files of materials removed on the Nebraska eFOTG site under Section IV, Archive, Conservation Practices. If Field Offices wish to maintain an archived hard copy, of the above referenced standards as a reference, they may do so.

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