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SECTION III

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- **RESOURCE QUALITY CRITERIA**
 - **Resource Concern and Planning Criteria updates include:**
 - In response to feedback the Resource Concern & Planning Criteria document now reflects a change to the criteria used to assess *inefficient use of irrigation water*, allowing the States to use State-identified measurement and assessment tools. The new document also clarifies the relationship between the list of 31 resource concerns and the resource concern components needed by planners to accurately plan and evaluate conservation systems that address resource issues. The resource concerns and components will be integrated into Toolkit, Conservation Practice Physical Effects, and the Program Contracts System with the deployment of the upcoming releases.

The list of resource concerns and the revised planning criteria are effective October 1, 2013.
 - If you have questions you can contact Shaun Vickers, State Resource Conservationist, at (402)437-4102 or by e-mail at shaun.vickers@ne.usda.gov.

SECTION IV

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- **STANDARDS/SPECIFICATIONS**
 - **NE635 – Vegetated Treatment Area Standard updates include:**
 - The addition of state isogram maps for total Nitrogen in Pounds per Acre-inch of runoff replacing one value for the entire state.
 - The water table separation for rooting depth has been changed from 4 feet to 2 feet.
 - If you have questions you can contact Jim Hicks, State Environmental Engineer, at (308)367-4460 or by e-mail at jim.hicks@ne.usda.gov.

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