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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 142

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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical Guide

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Purpose:

To release Pennsylvania Guidance for Protecting Wetlands and a revision of Pennsylvania Off-Site Wetland Determination Methods (wetland mapping conventions).

Explanation:

A guidance document has been developed to assist field staff in protecting wetlands while planning and implementing conservation practices, and obsolete wetland mapping conventions for completing Food Security Act wetland determinations have been revised (formerly FOTG Technical Guide Reference Number 102, Section I, August 1994).

Background:

The NRCS National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM) requires states to develop mapping conventions to assist NRCS employees in completing certified off-site wetland determinations.

Access Instructions:

The Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web address and then selecting the appropriate county. For the planning and implementation guidance select Section III, and then select D. Conservation & Environmental Compliance Information. For the wetland mapping conventions select Section II, and then select D. Special Environmental Concerns.

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=PA

The Pennsylvania eFOTG Section II. & II Table of Contents may be accessed *directly* at these

web sites: Section II <http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12438>

Section III <http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12477>

The official version of the FOTG is what appears in Pennsylvania's eFOTG.

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