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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 159

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**Purpose:**

To release Pennsylvania Technical Guidance for:

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** Enhancement Sheets and PA guidance as it relates to each enhancement. Section IV of the Technical Guide now has links to National Enhancement sheets. The Pennsylvania guidance for each enhancement is also available through a link to PA NRCS website technical resources information. These websites have the NRCS Enhancement Activity Sheets and the accompanying PA Supplemental Job Sheets for CSP.

Older CSP - **Conservation Security Program** - Pennsylvania Security program Enhancement Activity Sheets from Fiscal Years 2005 – 2008 are now archived on the PA SharePoint.

In addition, the Conservation Practice Job Sheets, that were listed on the PA NRCS website, technical resources page, have been consolidated into Section IV of the FOTG.

**Background/Explanation:**

CSP enhancements are either directly associated with or are an extension of the criteria or considerations of conservation practices standards. A chart showing the linkage between the Enhancement Activity Code and the primary associated Conservation Practice Standard code has been developed by NHQ.

Each CSP enhancement activity has both a national enhancement activity sheet and a PA supplemental guidance sheet that need to be used together to fully apply the technology. The national activity sheets are found on the NRCS national office website and the PA supplemental guidance sheets are found on the PA NRCS website. Both websites now have links in Section IV of the FOTG.

Enhancement Activity Sheets for the Conservation Security Program FY 2005 through 2008 have been moved from the PA NRCS website to the PA SharePoint site. These materials are only needed for contracts funded in those years, they are now archived.

In addition, all Conservation Practice Job Sheets are now posted to Section IV of the PA FOTG. Some Conservation Practice Job Sheets had previously been found on the PA NRCS website.



**Access Instructions:**

To access the archived Enhancement Activity Sheets for the Conservation Security Program Fiscal Years 2005-2008 go to the PA NRCS Intranet SharePoint site, and then click on Programs, then CSP.

To reach the national CSP Enhancement Activity Sheets or the PA Supplemental Guidance sheets, please select FOTG Section IV, and then select “B. Enhancement Activities,” where you will find links to the National NRCS website and the PA NRCS website.

To access any Conservation Practice Standard Job Sheet, go to Section IV of the PA FOTG and then select “A. Conservation Practices” folder of the desired practices where all related supporting materials are located.

The entire Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web address: [http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?map=PA](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=PA) , the Section IV Table of Contents can also be accessed *directly* at the following <http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12487>

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

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