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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 177

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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical Guide

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Purpose:

To release revised documents supporting CAP 138 Plan development and submission.

Background/Explanation:

The Conservation Activity Plan Supporting Organic Transition (CAP 138) has been offered to Pennsylvania producers for the past several years. The CAP 138, while not a requirement for an Organic Transition EQIP application, is only available to producers currently transitioning their operations to certified organic production.

All Conservation Activity Plans Supporting Organic Transition (CAP 138) submitted to the Field Office must be sent to the State Office for review before making payment.

Instructions:

The following CAP 138 documents posted to the FOTG with this notice are to be used, effective immediately.

1. CAP 138 Plan Criteria
2. CAP 138 Cropland Template
3. CAP 138 Grazing Template
4. CAP 138 Sample Plan Checklist
5. PA NRCS CAP 138 Plan Acceptance Checklist
6. PA NRCS CAP 138 Cover Page
7. PA NRCS CAP 138 Planning Guidance

Access Instructions:

The Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web address and then selecting the appropriate county. For the CAP 138 documents, select Section III, then select 138 Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition folder.

The Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web address and then selecting the appropriate county: http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=PA

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Coleman".

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