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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 181

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**Purpose:** Update Pennsylvania Section IV, Practice Standards and Specifications to include:

- PA Combustion System Improvement (372) Practice Standard,
- PA Combustion System Improvement (372) Statement of Work, and
- Revised PA Waste Treatment (629) Design and Check Data Requirements.

**Background:**

- ❖ Adapting the PA Combustion System Improvement (372) Practice Standard and Statement of Work allows NRCS to offer two new EQIP payment scenarios related to the Maple Syrup Industry.
  - Installation of a Reverse Osmosis System to concentrate the sugar content of the sap.
  - Installation of an Enhanced Sap Preheater to warm up the sap and reduce the heat needed to evaporate off water.
- ❖ These improvements reduce fuel consumption and emissions for Improving Air Quality.
- ❖ The revised PA Waste Treatment (629) Design and Check Data Requirements will better reflect the wide range of waste treatment systems that are applicable under the standard.

**Access Instructions:**

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

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

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