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Purpose:

To announce the release of the revised Form NRCS-CPA-52, "Environmental Evaluation Worksheet" and the revised "Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria" document.

Explanation:

The national NRCS-CPA-52 form has been revised. NRCS state and field offices will immediately begin using the current version of the national "Environmental Evaluation Worksheet" (NRCS-CPA-52). The new version of the national worksheet is to be used for all new NRCS assisted activities and will be used whenever there are substantial modifications needed for previously completed versions of the "Environmental Evaluation Worksheet." A webinar will be announced in early October to cover the changes to the form.

The FOTG and PA NRCS Environmental Compliance webpage are being updated with a Pennsylvania CPA-52 template for the national form and Pennsylvania specific instructions and guidance to aid in completing the nation form.

In addition, the FOTG has been updated with the revised "Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria" to reflect minor changes. The new Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria will be used for all planning activities, effective October 1, 2013.

Access Instructions

The following documents have been replaced in the FOTG, Section III: Planning and Environmental Compliance Information:

1. Pennsylvania CPA-52 Template (without Guide Sheets)
2. Pennsylvania CPA-52 Template (with Guide Sheets)
3. Pennsylvania Supplemental Instructions – Environmental Evaluation Worksheet (NRCS-CPA-52)
4. Example CPA-52

The following document has been replaced in the FOTG, Section III: PA Quality Criteria:

1. Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria

The following document has been removed from the FOTG, Section III: PA Quality Criteria:

2. Concerns & Criteria



The entire Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web site:
http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=PA .

You can also access Section III Table of Contents directly at the following web address:
<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12477>.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Coleman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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