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Purpose. To update the following PA Engineering Practice Standards:

Effective Date. This notice is effective upon receipt.

Explanation of Changes. The following standard and associated specifications have been updated:

PA378 Pond – NHQ modified some criteria, and updated requirements for plans, specs, and O&M. Note that PA “categories” remain the same.

PA527 Karst Sinkhole Treatment – clarifications regarding when the practice applies.

PA582 Open Channel – NHQ refined the definition, modified some criteria, and updated requirements for plans, specs, and O&M.

PA584 Channel Bed Stabilization – NHQ clarified when conditions apply, general criteria, and added technical references.

PA607 Surface Drain, Field Ditch - clarified purposes and design sources

PA608 Surface Drain, Main or Lateral - clarified definition and purpose; added criteria to use with irrigation tailwater and two-stage channels; added requirements for wetlands

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

The entire Pennsylvania FOTG can be accessed at the following web site:

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

You can 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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