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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical guide

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Subject: Technical Guide Notice No. 52

Purpose: To transmit the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol
Technical Guide Reference No. 117

Background: This reference provides a method to evaluate the condition of aquatic ecosystems associated with streams. The protocol is designed to be conducted with the landowner and does not require extensive training to use. This is another tool to help educate landowners about the need for stream restoration and/or riparian buffers.

There is a short video that demonstrates the sampling procedure for macroinvertebrates and two kick nets that can be loaned from the State Office.

Filing Instructions: Add Reference 117 Stream Visual Assessment Protocol to the reference list in Section 1 and file with other Technical Guide References.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Rich Shockey at the Harrisburg NRCS State Office.

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