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Purpose. To add practice standard 590 Nutrient Management (Phosphorus Based Nutrient Management Planning) and replace current practice standard 633 Waste Utilization with a revised version.

Background. New National Practice Standards for 590 and 633 have been issued and PA has developed new Pennsylvania Standards consistent with these national standards.

For practice code 590, the USDA-NRCS mandated implementation of the new P based Nutrient Management Standard (590) has been delayed to allow for consistency with the PA Nutrient Management Act. However, Nutrient Management Plans **may be developed voluntarily or under other mandates using the new 590 Standard, dated May 2001.** Voluntary nutrient management planning, using the new standard, will be encouraged. An interim version of the Phosphorus Index referenced in this standard will be made available during scheduled P based training for nutrient management planners and reviewers. A finalized version will be available by October 1, 2001.

All other nutrient management plans **will continue to be developed using the existing Interim 590 Practice Standard which is dated February 1991 or in conformance with applicable regulations.**

The new 633 standard is to be implemented immediately and replaces the existing standard dated October 1986.

Filing Instructions. Insert the new 590 standard (attached) behind the existing 590 standard. Replace the existing 633 standard with the May 2001 version (attached).

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