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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice No. 73

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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical Guide

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Purposes:

1. To remove the following standards from Section IV of the PA Technical Guide:

Standard 312 (Waste Management System)
Standard 521D (Pond Sealing or Lining – Cationic Emulsion-Waterborne Sealant)
Standard 521E (Pond Sealing or Lining – Asphalt-Sealed Fabric Liner)

2. To add the following new practice standards:

Standard 390 (Riparian Herbaceous Cover), dated October 2002
Standard 324 (Deep Tillage), dated October 2002
Standard 752 (Soil Management), dated October 2002

3. To provide revised seeding tables for Standard 342.

4. To make the following pen and ink changes to Reference No. 122, Table 2, of practice standard 327 (Conservation Cover): first page, fourth seed mixture should be the same as mixture 3 but then add "and white clover 1# WD MWD and SPD or birdsfoot trefoil 2# EWD, WD, MWD or wildflowers 1# (no drainage class shown).

Make the same modification for mixture 5 and mixture 6 on the next page

Also on the next page mixtures 7 and 8 should have white clover seeding rate at 1 lb not 5 lbs.

5. To make the following pen and ink changes to Standard 330: page 1, right-hand column, second paragraph, the third sentence which indicates that row grade may deviate up to 3% for 150 feet, change the maximum grade from 3 to 5 % and change the distance from 150 to 200 feet.

6. To make the following changes to the Index of Conservation Practices in Section IV:

Standard 441 (Irrigation System – Trickle) – title should be Irrigation System – Microirrigation
Standards 607 & 608 (under Surface Drainage) – dates should be 10/82 (vice 11/82)
Standard 642 (Water Well) – date should be 8/02 (vice 10/85)

Background. Standard 312 (Waste Management System) has been removed from the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP) as part of an overall effort to remove all "systems" from Section IV of Field Office Technical Guides. Planning criteria for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs) will be added to Section III in the near future, to replace the material in Standard 312.

Standards 521D and 521E have been removed from the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). These are outdated and less effective methods of pond sealing that are no longer used. Changes to Reference No. 122, Table 2 are made to provide more flexibility in these seed mixtures and to modify seeding rates for white clover.

Changes to Standards 330, 342, and 585 are made to provide consistency among standards. The seeding tables have been reissued due to lost formatting in prior issue.

Filing Instructions. Remove Standards 312, 521D and 521E from the PATG. Add new Standards 390, 324 and 752 to the PATG. Replace tables for Standard 342 with attached, revised version. Make the appropriate pen & ink changes to Standard 330, Reference tables, and Section IV of the Index of Conservation Practices as described above.



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