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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE – SECTION IV – Virginia Conservation Practice Standards

Purpose: To transmit the following VA Conservation Practice Standards and supporting documentation:

Code	Standard	O&M Plan	Statement of Work	Job Sheet
443	Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	X	X	
521C	Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Treatment	X	X**	
521D	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment	X	X**	
521B	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant Treatment	X	X**	
716	Renewable Energy System	X	X	
735	Waste Gasification Facility	X	X	
657	Wetland Restoration	X		X
658	Wetland Creation	X		X
659	Wetland Enhancement	X		X

Effective Date: Upon receipt.

Filing Instructions: These standards and supporting documentation are accessible electronically in Section IV of the VA eFOTG at: http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov.

If you maintain hard copies, replace the old standards with updated standards in Section IV of the Virginia Field Office Technical Guide. File updated supporting documents behind the pertinent standard.

Explanation:

** One Statement of Work applies to all of the 521 Standards.

Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (Code 443) – This Standard had no substantial changes.

Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Treatment (Code 521 C), Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (Code 521D), and Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant Treatment (Code 521B) – The revisions in these Standards were made to improve consistency between the Standards. The requirements for the liner protection have changed slightly. Each Standard has its own O&M Plan. The Statement of Work for the 521 Standards encompasses all of them.

Renewable Energy System (Code 716) – This interim Standard is used where a renewable energy system can be installed to meet some or all of the on-farm energy needs. There are specific conditions where this practice does and does not apply.

Waste Gasification Facility (Code 735) – This interim Standard introduces the technology of waste gasification.

Wetland Restoration (Code 657), Wetland Creation (Code 658), and Wetland Enhancement (Code 659) – The Operation and Maintenance Plans have been written for these practices. They are in the same format as the other Engineering O&M Plans with the exception that a Monitoring Checklist is included. The Job Sheets have been amended slightly in the Certification of Practice Completion box.

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