



**VIRGINIA TECHNICAL GUIDE  
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**Subject:** VIRGINIA FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE-SECTION I – Technical Notes

**Purpose:** To transmit a new Technical Note “Clarification on VA 590 Nutrient Management Implementation”.

**Effective Date:** Upon Receipt.

**Filing Instructions:** This data can be accessed electronically in Section I of the Virginia Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) at the following link: <http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov>.

**Explanation of Changes:** For at least 20 years, the State of Virginia has maintained its own nutrient management planning system and regulations. As part of this system, Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) has a certification program for NMP writers. State law requires that certified Virginia NMP writers prepare nutrient management plans that meet DCR criteria and are customized to the farmer’s fields and crops. In some cases the VA 590 Standard requires more than the minimum required by DCR and the State of Virginia. The purpose of this document is to help NRCS personnel and their clients understand and implement the 590 Standard more effectively and consistently. Specifically, it clarifies existing NRCS expectations with respect to nutrient management recordkeeping required for financial assistance involving 590 implementation. This document also addresses the role of third-party consultants or farmer advisors in the 590 nutrient management implementation and recordkeeping process.

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