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TO: All Users of the Vermont Field Office Technical Guide

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PURPOSE: Notice of updated Hydrologic Soil Groups for soils in Vermont.

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Receipt

BACKGROUND: Hydrologic Soil Groups are assigned to each soil series based on criteria set forth in the National Soil Survey Handbook. There are four hydrologic soil groups: A, B, C, and D. The criteria for assigning groups are broadly defined. In the past, the hydrologic soil group was assigned by the state who had responsibility for the soil series. As a result, the hydrologic soil group criteria was not consistently applied to similar soils within a region.

This update corrects the following:

1. Eliminates any inconsistency in the hydrologic soil group ratings of similar soils.
2. Eliminates dual hydrologic soil groups for wet soils where drainage is not feasible.
3. Eliminates dual hydrologic soil groups for soils that are very shallow or shallow to bedrock.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: File this information in Section II-A, Soils Information, under Engineering Interpretations.

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