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**TO:** All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

**VERMONT TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 27**

**PURPOSE:** Revisions and Additions of References to the Field Office Tech Guide

**EXPIRATION DATE:** Upon Receipt

**BACKGROUND:**

The following references have been revised or added to the Field Office Tech Guide.

1. **Replace** Section IV\_E (Tools) Vermont Manure Screening. This Excel workbook has been modified (2-20-05) and is the official version to be used for conservation planning.
2. **Add** new category to FOTG Section I\_A, Reference List, "Manuals and Handbooks".
  - a. **Add** "National Environmental Compliance Handbook (NEPA)"
  - b. **Add** "National Planning Procedures Handbook"
  - c. **Add** "National Engineer Manual (NEM)"
  - d. **Add** "Engineering Field Handbook (EFH)"
  - e. **Add** "Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook (AWMFH)" or "Environmental Engineering"
  - f. **Add** "National Engineering Handbook (NEH)"
3. **Delete** Engineering Tech Reference #26, "National Engineering Handbook"
4. **Delete** Engineering Tech Reference #27, "Field Handbooks"
5. **Replace** "Practice Description Form for Cultural Resources Review (Complete)" in Section II\_C, 10, b of the eFOTG.
6. **Add** Conservation Planning and Application Numbered Technical Reference #18, "Environmental Compliance Website".
7. **Replace** RMS Planning Quality Criteria in Section III\_B, 1 of eFOTG.
8. **Update** soils information under Section II for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties.
9. **Replace** Conservation Practice Standard 590 – Nutrient Management in Section IV.



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10. **Replace** Conservation Planning & Application Tech Ref. #4 with “Vermont Organic Farmers 2005 Certification Guidelines and Applicant Information.” See organic guidelines attachment.

Attached is the new 590 standard. All 2005 contracts that include Nutrient Management should use the May 2005 version. If a TSP is already working on a 2005 NM plan, be sure the program participant and the TSP get a copy of the May 2005 version.

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

These changes have already been made in eFOTG. If you are still maintaining a hard copy of the FOTG, please make the appropriate copies and file accordingly. Please note that the National Engineering Handbook, Engineering Field Handbook, and the Agricultural Waste Management Handbook do not include the Vermont Supplements. Discard all old copies. If you have any questions regarding this notice please feel free to call me.

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