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TO: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide**VERMONT TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 28****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. **Remove** the following standard from the list of Vermont Standards as per National Bulletin 450-5-12 (http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/scripts/lpsiis.dll/NB/NB_450_5_12.htm):
701 – Agricultural Fuel Secondary Containment Facility
2. The following standards will be included under the list of conservation practice standards:
 - a. 484 – Mulching
 - b. 312 – Agrichemical Handling Facility
 - c. 326 – Clearing and Snagging
 - d. 656 – Constructed Wetland
 - e. 356 – Dike
 - f. 582 – Open Channel
 - g. 441 – Irrigation System, Microirrigation
 - h. 521C – Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Treatment
 - i. 521D – Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment
 - j. 521B – Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant Treatment
 - k. 533 – Pumping Plant
 - l. 346 – Residue Management, Ridge Till
 - m. 350 – Sediment Basin
 - n. 646 – Shallow Water Management for Wildlife
 - o. 608 – Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral
 - p. 659 – Wetland Enhancement
 - q. 324 – Deep Tillage
 - r. 632 – Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility

These practice standards will be maintained as National standard with no Vermont supplement. These tend to be practices that are used very rarely in Vermont. As such these practice standards will not be modify unless absolutely necessary and will be maintained as national standards on Vermont's practice list with a corresponding National footer (NRCS, NHCP). For each of these national practice standards the corresponding Statements of Work (SOW) have also been added if available. If the FOTG Committee determines that a national practice standard needs to be modified for Vermont it will be included in Vermont's practice list with a corresponding Vermont footer (NRCS-VT).

3. **Replace** Technical Guide Reference Conservation Planning and Application #4 with 'Vermont Organic Farmers 2005 Certification Guidelines and Applicant Information' (attached hard copy and available as an on-line reference at http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/VT/2005_Std.pdf)
4. **Replace** document 'Conservation Practice Lifespans - Vermont' in Section IV.
5. **Replace** Important Farmland Ratings for all counties in Section II of the FOTG.
6. **Replace** Orleans County Specific Soils Information in Section II of the FOTG.

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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