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TO: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

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VERMONT TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 37

PURPOSE: Revisions and Additions to the Field Office Tech Guide

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Receipt

BACKGROUND:

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

1. **Update** to Section IV-A (Conservation Practices). Replace Watering Facility Job Sheet. This job sheet has been revised.
2. **Update** to Section IV-A (Conservation Practices) Replace Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for Waste Storage Facility. Some minor changes have been made to this O&M.
3. **Update** to Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): Add the following practices to the Conservation Practice Lifespan List:
 - a. Mulching (1 Year)
 - b. Irrigation System – Microirrigation (10 Years)
 - c. Irrigation System – Sprinkler (15 Years)
 - d. Irrigation System – Surface & Subsurface (15 Years)
 - e. Irrigation Storage Reservoir (15 Years)
 - f. Irrigation Water Conveyance, High Pressure, Underground, Plastic Pipeline (25 Years)
 - g. Irrigation Water Conveyance, Low Pressure, Underground, Plastic Pipeline (25 Years)
 - h. Irrigation Water Management (1 Year)
4. **Update** to Section I, (References). Conservation Planning and Application Technical Reference #14 has been updated. The 2005 Vermont Guidelines for Organic Certification has been replaced by the current NOFA Vermont Organic Certification Website.
5. **Remove** from Section 1-C (Maps): Major Land Use Area Map (National). The URL to this map is no longer available.
6. **Remove** from Section 1-C (Maps): 2001-2002 Vermont Seasonal Snowfall Map. The URL to this map is no longer available.
7. **Remove** from Section 1-G (Manual and Handbooks): The specific links to the following documents were removed and are not longer available:
 - a. Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook (AWMFH)
 - b. Engineering Field Handbook (EFH)
 - c. National Engineering Handbook (NEH)
 - d. National Engineering Manual (NEM)
 - e. National Environmental Compliance Handbook
 - f. National Planning Procedures Handbook

These links have been replaced by links to the eDirective system where all NRCS references are now available.

9. **Add** to Section I-A-13: **VT Forestry Technical Note 1**, Stems Per Acre Line Plot,

10. **Add** to Section I-A-13: **VT Forestry Technical Note 2**, Vermont Trees and Shrubs For Conservation,
11. **Update** to Section IV-E (Tools): VT HEL Determination Tool -- This tool has been updated to correct a few problems in the soils database.
12. **Update** to Section II-A-1: USLE K & T Factors for HEL Determinations-Updated Sept. 2008.
13. **Add** to Section I, (References). Forestry/Wildlife –
 - #24 - Ecology and Management of Scrub-shrub Birds in New England: A Comprehensive Review – NRCS CEAP Project, 2007 (URL website)
 - #25 - Crop Tree Management in Eastern Hardwoods – USFS, 1993 (URL website)
14. **Add** to Section 1 (References). Engineering #45 - A Landowner's Guide to Building Forest Access Roads – USFS, 1998 (URL Website and Hardcopy Booklet)

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. Discard all old copies. If you have any questions regarding this notice please feel free to call me.

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