

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

Date: March 28, 2014

**VERMONT TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 46**

**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. **Add** to Section I, Cost Data, 2014 Practice Payment Schedule “Grey Box Data”.
2. **Replace** in Section IV, Conservation Practices, practice standard 340 – Cover Crop
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4. **Replaced** in Section IV, Conservation Practices, the following standards:
  - a. 382 – Fence
  - b. 442 – Sprinkler System (formerly named “Irrigation System, Sprinkler”)
  - c. 484 – Mulching
  - d. 557 – Row Arrangement
  - e. 585 – Stripcropping
  - f. 633 – Waste Recycling
  - g. 666 – Forest Stand Improvement
  - h. 670 – Light System Improvement (New energy standard)
  - i. 672 – Building Envelope Improvement (New energy standard)
  - j. 317 – Compost Facility
  - k. 360 – Waste Facility Closure (formerly named “Closure of Waste Impoundments”)
  - l. 378 – Pond
  - m. 380 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
  - n. 391 – Riparian Forest Buffer
  - o. 561 – Heavy Use Area Protection
  - p. 578 – Stream Crossing
  - q. 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
  - r. 620 – Underground Outlet
  - s. 629 – Waste Treatment
  - t. 657 – Wetland Restoration
5. **Deleted** from Section IV, Conservation Practices, the following standards:
  - a. 330 – Contour Farming
  - b. 325 – Deep Tillage
  - c. 356 – Dike
  - d. 443 – Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
  - e. 799 – Monitoring and Evaluation

- f. 582 – Open Channel
- g. 521C – Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite
- h. 521B – Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant Treatment
- i. 716 – Renewable Energy System
- j. 346 – Residue & Tillage Management, Ridge Till
- k. 344 – Residue & Tillage Management, Seasonal
- l. 390 – Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- m. 646 – Shallow Water Management for Wildlife
- n. 608 – Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral
- o. 568 – Trails and Walkways
- p. 359 – Waste Treatment Lagoon
- q. 351 – Water Well Decommissioning
- r. 658 – Wetland Creation
- s. 659 – Wetland Enhancement

National versions of most of these standards are still available upon request.

- 6. **Add** to Section IV, Conservation Practices the following documents under “Brush Management”:
  - a. Control Plan Template – Word
  - b. Control Plan Checklist
  - c. Water Supply Requirements for Herbicides
- 7. **Add** to Section III, Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria, CAP 106 Fact Sheets:
  - a. vt106\_CAP\_Fact\_Sheet\_Part2\_Contract.pdf
  - b. vt106\_CAP\_Fact\_Sheet\_Part1\_Plan.pdf
- 8. **Add** to Section IV, Tools, Stream Visual Assessment Protocol, Version2 SVAP2, svap.pdf.
- 9. **Add** to Section IV, Tools, AOP Evaluation Tool, AOP\_Evaluation\_Tool\_2014.pdf.
- 10. **Add** to Section III, Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria, CAP112Criteria.pdf.

### **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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