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## NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES

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NOTICE 137

**Purpose.** This notice transmits new or revised conservation practice standards for insertion into the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). In addition, notes are included for clarification.

**Effective Date.** This notice is effective when received.

**Explanation.** New or revised National Conservation Practice Standards (NCPS):

**Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste (Code 591)** – This is a new national standard that is intended to address the use of amendments to manure and other agricultural wastes for specific purposes such as odor reduction, ammonia emissions reduction, reduction of soluble phosphorus, etc. It applies to amendments used in any portion of the waste stream, including the production and storage facilities. It is not applicable to feed amendments.

**Firebreak (Code 394)** – This practice standard was updated; only minor changes were made.

**Fuel Break (Code 383)** – This is a new practice standard developed to address reducing fuel loads in areas at risk from wildfire. It is measured in acres. (Firebreak (Code 394) is measured in feet).

**Forest Slash Treatment (Code 384)** – This is a new practice standard developed to address proper handling of woody residues created during forestry, agroforestry and horticultural activities.

**Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control (Code 455)** – This standard was updated to be consistent with current organization and formatting. Minor revisions have also been made.

**Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (Code 632)** – This is a new national standard developed to provide criteria for the selection and use of solid/liquid separation equipment as a component of a waste treatment/utilization system.

**Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Code 580)** – This practice standard was updated; only minor changes were made.

**Use Exclusion (Code 472)** – This practice standard was updated; only minor changes were made.

**Waste Treatment (Code 629)** – This is a new national standard that is intended to address the installation of alternative animal waste treatment systems and processes. It is intended to be broad enough to allow installation of a wide range of systems while providing sufficient criteria to ensure successful installation and operation.

**Instructions.** Replace the Contents pages i through vi dated February 2004 in the NHCP with the attached revised Contents pages.

Insert the new or revised standards in the NHCP in alphabetical order as designated on the revised Contents pages.

Remove and archive, as appropriate, the practice standards for: Firebreak (Code 394) dated August 2000, Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control (Code 455) dated June 1984, and Use Exclusion (Code 472) dated August 2000.

Copies of this notice and the attachments are being sent to all State offices (or equivalent) and National Centers. Additional copies may be obtained by ordering NHCP-1AI from the GSA National Forms and Publications Center, 7CPN, Warehouse 4, Dock 1, 501 West Felix Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76115, using GSA Form 49.

This notice and each of the conservation practice standards included with this notice can be accessed electronically. Access can be through either the NRCS homepage on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/Standards/nhcp.html> or from the FTP server at <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/NHQ/practice-standards/standards/>

**Federal Register Notices.**

The National Conservation Practice Standards Subcommittee (NCPSS) published notice of intent to revise or adopt these standards in the *Federal Register* on January 31, 2005. Comments from the public were accepted for 30 days.

Guidance to the States can be found in Title 450 – GM, Section 401.19 for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that require advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State technical guides.

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Attachments

