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NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES

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NOTICE 136

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):

Closure of Waste Impoundments (Code 360) – The practice standard has been revised to more specifically address the removal and disposal of structural storage facilities (concrete, timber, etc.) and related components.

Cross Wind Trap Strips (Code 589C) – This practice standard was updated, and only minor changes were made.

Irrigation Water Management (Code 449) – This practice standard has been revised to include more substantial criteria associated with irrigator responsibilities.

Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment (Code 453) – This practice standard has been updated to reflect current format. Considerable changes have been made throughout the entire standard.

Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (Code 457) – This practice standard has been updated to better reflect the purposes for its use in addressing natural resource concerns. Significant changes have been made throughout the entire standard.

Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (Code 521D) – This is a new practice standard to address liners for ponds or waste storage impoundments constructed using compacted soil without soil amendments.

Water Well (Code 642) – This practice standard was updated to include applicable agency reference associations and to provide greater clarity to the criteria section for well screens.

Instructions. Replace the Contents pages i through vi dated July 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: Closure of Waste Impoundments (Code 360) dated February 2000, Cross Wind Trap Strips (Code 589C) dated March 1999, Irrigation Water Management (Code 449) dated March 1999, Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment (Code 453) dated June 1984, Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (Code 457) dated January 1997, and Water Well (Code 642) dated September 1999.

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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 December 1, 2004. Comments from the public were accepted for 30 days.

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

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Attachments