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**NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES, NOTICE 120
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Purpose. This notice transmits new or revised conservation practice standards for insertion in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). In addition, notes are included for clarification.

Effective Date. This notice is effective when received.

Explanation.

Contour Buffer Strips (332). This revised conservation practice standard provides guidance for herbaceous vegetative cover to reduce sheet and rill erosion, reduce sediment and other water-borne contaminants transport off-site, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C). This revised conservation practice standard provides herbaceous cover to reduce soil erosion from wind, induce deposition and reduce transport of wind-borne sediment, protects growing crops from wind-borne soil particles, and provides food and cover for wildlife.

Dry Hydrant (432). This new conservation practice standard provides guidance for the design and installation of a non-pressurized pipe assembly that permits the withdrawal of water by suction to provide all weather access to an available water source for fire suppression. The publication of this standard cancels the use of Interim Standard 712 Dry Hydrant.

Field Border (386). This is a complete revision of the conservation practice standard that gives guidance for installing a strip of permanent vegetation established to reduce erosion from wind and water.

Filter Strip (393). This revised conservation practice standard provides guidance for herbaceous vegetation situated between cropland, grazing lands, or disturbed land, and environmentally sensitive areas to reduce sediment runoff. This is a complete revision of the Filter Strip Standard.

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Irrigation Water Management (449). This revised conservation practice standard determines the volume, frequency, and application rate of irrigation water to manage soil moisture, optimize use of available water, minimizes irrigation induced soil erosion, and decreases non-point source pollution.

Residue Management, Mulch Till (329B). This revised conservation practice standard provides guidance for managing the amount, orientation, and distribution of crop and other plant residue on the soil surface year-round.

Residue Management, No Till and Strip Till (329A). This revised conservation practice standard provides guidance to manage the amount, orientation, and distribution of crop and other plant residues on the soil surface year-round while growing crops in narrow slots, or tilled or residue free strips in soil previously untilled by full-width inversion implements.

Instructions.

Replace the “Contents” pages in NHCP with the attached revised version dated March, 1999.

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

Remove the practice standards for Contour Buffer Strips Code 332 dated July 1997, Cross Wind Trap Strips Code 589C dated June 1994, Filter Strip Code 393A dated July 1997, Irrigation Water Management Code 449 dated October 1977, Residue Management, Mulch Till Code 329B dated June 1994, and Residue Management, No Till and Strip Till Code 329A dated June 1994.

One hard copy of this notice and the attachments is being sent to all States, Regional Offices, Institutes, Centers, and Cooperating Scientists. Additional copies may be obtained by ordering NHCP-1R from the GSA National Forms and Publications Center, 7CAF, 4900 South Hemphill Street, Warehouse 4, Dock 1, Fort Worth, Texas 76115 using GSA Form 49.

Copies of this notice and each of the conservation practice standards included with it can be accessed electronically. Access can be through either the NRCS Home Page on the World Wide Web (WWW) or from the FTP server in Fort Worth, Texas. Guidance for electronic access of standards is contained in NHCP Notice 116.

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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 October 28, 1998. Comments were accepted for 60 days. A number of individuals, groups and agencies requested copies of these proposed and revised standards, and several comments were received. All comments were reviewed and many were incorporated into the final version of several of these standards.

NHCP Notices 117 and 118 provide guidance to the states for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that requires advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State technical guides.

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Attachments