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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.

Nutrient Management (590): This revised conservation practice standard provides guidance for developing plans for nutrient management. It incorporates the current "state-of-the-science" for managing nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, to achieve producer production goals and to minimize the potential for nutrients to contribute to surface or ground water quality impairment.

Waste Utilization (633): This revised conservation practice standard updates the previous standard to the current format for conservation practice standards; adds specific guidance, criteria, for each of the listed purposes, and links it to the Nutrient Management standard (Code 590) for determining acceptable manure application rates when manure is used to supply nutrients.

Instructions.

Replace the "Contents" pages in NHCP with the attached revised version dated April 1999.

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

Remove the practice standards for Nutrient Management, dated December 1990, and for Waste Utilization, dated October 1978. Retain them in archived status until there is no further use for them.

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Federal Register Notices

The National Conservation Practice Standards Subcommittee (NCPSS) published notice of intent to adopt these standards in the Federal Register in 1998. The content of the material used in the standard for Nutrient Management was published in the FR on April 22, 1998. Comments were accepted for 90 days. The revised standard for Waste Utilization was published in the FR on October 28, 1998. Comments were accepted for 60 days. All comments were reviewed and acted upon as the final drafts of these standards were prepared.

NHCP Notices 117 and 118 provide 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.

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Attachments