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**NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES**  
**450 – NHCP**  
**NOTICE 162**

**Purpose.** This notice transmits a new national Conservation Practice Standard (CPS), along with an updated index, for insertion into the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). In addition, notes are included to highlight key content in the document.

**Effective Date.** This notice is effective upon receipt.

**Explanation of Change.** New national CPS is as follows:

**Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products (Code 333).**—This is a new conservation practice standard using the technology of gypsum products to improve soil structure and to reduce phosphorus runoff from fields and buffer areas.

**Filing Instructions.** If a hardcopy of the NHCP is maintained, replace the “Contents” (pages i through vi, dated September 2014) with the revised pages found at <http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/viewerFS.aspx?hid=22299>

This notice, and the conservation practice standard included with this notice, can be accessed electronically through the NRCS Web site at [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/technical/cp/ncps/?cid=nrcs143\\_026849](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/technical/cp/ncps/?cid=nrcs143_026849)

*Federal Register* Notice

NRCS published a notice to solicit public comments about how to improve specific agency conservation practice standard in the *Federal Register* on May 6, 2015, for a 30-day comment period. Comments from the public were accepted during the comment period.

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Guidance to the States and the Pacific Islands and Caribbean Areas for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that require advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State-level technical guides can be found in Title 450, General Manual, Part 401, Subpart B, Section 401.19.



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