## **Notices**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

## Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Louisiana

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Louisiana for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of the NRCS in Louisiana to issue revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG for the following practices: Nutrient Management (code 590), and Waste Utilization (code 633).

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before March 23, 2000.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section** 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Louisiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Louisiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

## Donald W. Gohmert,

State Conservationist, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

## Natural Resources Conservation Service

# Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) in Mississippi

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Mississippi.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Mississippi for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Mississippi to issue new and revised conservation practices of the FOTG in its entirety. Each of 123 standards under the responsibility of Ecological Sciences and Engineering are being issued and are available for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before March 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Inquire in writing to Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Suite 1321 Federal Building, 100 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269. Copies of the draft conservation practice standards will be made available upon written request.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Section 343** of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Mississippi will receive comments relative to the stated summary. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Mississippi regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

#### Richard L. Peace,

State Conservation Engineer, Jackson, MS. [FR Doc. 00–4029 Filed 2–18–00; 8:45 am]

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

## **Bureau of the Census**

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## Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census,

Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) will conduct the Pollution **Abatement Costs and Expenditures** survey for the year 1999. The U.S. Census Bureau, prior to 1995, conducted the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey, MA-200. Due to budget limitations, the survey was suspended. In response to the need for this data to assess the cost of environmental regulations on private business, the U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the Environmental Protection Agency, is reinstating the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Manufacturing and Construction Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2135, Federal Building 4, Washington, DC 20233, on (301) 457–4683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between the economic censuses. The next economic census will occur in the year 2002. Data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those inquiries covered in the economic census.

The survey form will collect—from plants that produce goods or provide services classified in manufacturing,