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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 Oregon

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Oregon to issue revisions to Conservation Practice Standards 327, Conservation Cover, and 328, Conservation Crop Rotation, in section IV of the State Technical Guide in Oregon. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

**DATES:** Comments will be received until on or before January 8, 2001. Once the review and comment period is over and the standards are finalized, they will be placed in the individual Field Office Technical Guide in each field office.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all requests and comments to Roy M. Carlson, Jr., Leader for Technology, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, Oregon 97204. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to [roy.carlson@or.usda.gov](mailto:roy.carlson@or.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy M. Carlson, Jr., 503-414-3231.

**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 and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Oregon will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Oregon regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made. In Oregon, "technical guides" refers to the Field Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Field Office in Oregon.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of the Release of the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance

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

**ACTION:** Release of final Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) released the draft *Technical Guidance For Developing Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs)* for public review and comment in December 1999. Based on the comments received, the document has been revised and is now being released in final form as the *Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance*. This guidance document is intended for use by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and conservation partner State and local field staffs, private consultants, landowners/operators, and others that either will be developing or assisting in the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs).

Availability: The Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning

Technical Guidance is available on the NRCS' website at: <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/ahcwpd/ahCNMP.html>. A paper copy of the CNMP Technical Guidance can be obtained by submitting a request in writing to: Director, Animal Husbandry and Clean Water Programs Division, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mail Stop 5473, Beltsville, Maryland, 20705; or by calling (301) 504-2196.

**DATES:** This document becomes effective on December 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The *Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance* is a document intended for use by those individuals (both public and private) who will be developing or assisting in the development of CNMPs. The purpose of this document is to provide technical guidance for the development of CNMPs, whether they are developed through USDA's voluntary programs or as a means to help satisfy the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.

The technical guidance is not intended as a sole source reference for developing CNMPs. Rather, it is to be used as a tool in support of the USDA, NRCS conservation planning process, as contained in the NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH) and various other agency technical references, handbooks, and policy directives. This technical guidance provides specific criteria that needs to be addressed in developing and implementing a CNMP. USDA prohibits discrimination in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Additionally, discrimination on the basis of political beliefs and marital or family status also is prohibited by statutes enforced by USDA. (All prohibited bases do not apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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