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## JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Hearings of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

**AGENCY:** Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The following public hearing on proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure has been canceled: Civil Rules Hearing on October 28, 2019, in Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca A. Womeldorf, Rules Committee Secretary, Rules Committee Staff, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Announcements for this hearing were previously published in 84 FR 42951.

Dated: October 17, 2019.

**Rebecca A. Womeldorf,**  
*Rules Committee Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Revisions to the National Handbook of Conservation Practices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is giving this notice that it intends to issue a

series of revised conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP), and NRCS is also giving the public an opportunity to provide comments on specified practice conservation standards in NHCP.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by November 22, 2019. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent possible. Final versions of these new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period and the consideration of all comments.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for docket ID NRCS-2019-0011. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, or Hand Delivery:* Mr. Bill Reck, National Environmental Engineer, Conservation Engineering Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS, 1400 Independence Avenue, South Building, Room 6136, Washington, DC 20250.

NRCS will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. In general, personal information provided with comments will be posted. If your comment includes your address, phone number, email, or other personal identifying information (PII), your comments, including PII, may be available to the public. You may request that your PII be withheld from public view, but this cannot be guaranteed.

The copies of the proposed revised standards are available through <http://www.regulations.gov> by accessing Docket No. NRCS-2019-0011.

Alternatively, the proposed revised standards can be downloaded or printed from <http://go.usa.gov/TXye>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bill Reck, (202) 720-4485; or [bill.reck@usda.gov](mailto:bill.reck@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NRCS State Conservationists who choose to adopt these practices in their States will incorporate these practices into the respective electronic Field Office Technical Guide. These practices may

be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land (HEL) or on land determined to be a wetland. Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment all proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out HEL and wetland provisions of the law.

The amount of the proposed changes varies considerably for each of the conservation practice standards addressed in this notice. To fully understand the proposed changes, individuals are encouraged to compare these changes with each standard's current version, which can be found 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).

NRCS is requesting for comments on the practice standards: Contour Buffer Strips (Code 332), Dam, Diversion (Code 348); Deep Tillage (Code 324); Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery (Code 447); Irrigation Canal or Lateral (Code 320); Irrigation Ditch Lining (Code 428); Irrigation Field Ditch (Code 388); Irrigation Reservoir (Code 436); Land Clearing (Code 460); Obstruction Removal (Code 500); Surface Roughening (Code 609); Waste Treatment (Code 629); and Waterspreading (Code 640). The following are highlights of some of the proposed revisions to each standard:

*Contour Buffer Strips (Code 332):* Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Updated missing units, tabular values, and changed term flexible membrane to geosynthetic to meet current industry standards. Moved items related to energy use from the Criteria section to the Considerations section.

*Dam, Diversion (Code 348):* The Criteria section was updated, and references were added. Other changes were made to improve the clarity of language used in the standard.

*Deep Tillage (Code 324):* Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Several paragraphs in the Considerations section were edited to improve clarity.

*Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery (Code 447):* The title was changed to "Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery" from "Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery". Scope and

purposes of the standard were updated to include drainage water as well as irrigation water. This standard applies to lands that have a properly designed and installed irrigation or subsurface drainage system where recoverable irrigation runoff, subsurface drainage outflows, or rainfall runoff are expected under current or planned management practices.

**Irrigation Canal or Lateral (Code 320):** Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. The Considerations section has a new paragraph that suggests ways the practice can be implemented that enhances the practice for pollinators and other beneficial insects.

**Irrigation Ditch Lining (Code 428):** Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Updated missing units, tabular values, and reworded the term flexible membrane to geosynthetic to meet current industry standards. Moved items related to energy use from the Criteria section to the Considerations section.

**Irrigation Field Ditch (Code 388):** Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. In addition, a sentence on spoil disposal was added in the Criteria section. The Considerations section was significantly re-written.

**Irrigation Reservoir (Code 436):** Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Removed energy use bulleted items from the Purpose section. Moved items related to energy use from the Criteria section to the Considerations section. Also moved fencing and critical planting from the Considerations section to the Criteria section.

**Land Clearing (Code 460):** Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Relatively minor changes have been made to simplify and clarify the definition, purpose and criteria within the standard.

**Obstruction Removal (Code 500):** Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Changes to Purpose and

Conditions where Practice Applies sections were made to help clarify standard usage. Changes were made to help simplify and clarify the Criteria and Consideration section within the standards.

**Surface Roughening (Code 609):** Formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Several paragraphs in the Considerations section were deleted and edited for improved clarity. Reference to the Crop Tolerance Table in the National Agronomy Manual was added.

**Waste Treatment (Code 629):** Purpose revised to improve water quality, improve air quality resource concerns, and facilitate waste handling and storage. Conditions where this practice applies is on all land uses where manure and/or agricultural waste is being generated and where soils, geology, and topography are suitable for construction of the waste treatment system. Criteria sections added to address system designs outside the scope of current accepted NRCS conservation practice standards, waste stream pretreatment requirements, byproducts handling and storage, and required technical review of treatment performance.

**Waterspreading (Code 640):** Purpose statements were also reworded to more directly relate to the stated resource concern. In “Conditions where Practice Applies” the language was simplified and more clearly explains where practice may be used. References were added.

**Kevin Norton,**  
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Conservation Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Utilities Service**

**Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kv  
Transmission Line Project**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Code of Federal Regulations related to providing financial assistance to Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) for its share in the construction of a proposed 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated infrastructure connecting the Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa, with the Cardinal Substation in the Town of Middle, Wisconsin (near Madison, Wisconsin). The Project also includes a new intermediate 345/138-kV substation near the Village of Montfort in either Grant County or Iowa County, Wisconsin. The total length of the 345-kV transmission lines associated with the proposed project will be approximately 100 to 125 miles, depending on the final route. DPC, along with the two other project participant utilities, American Transmission Company LLC, and ITC Midwest LLC (together the Utilities) have identified proposed and alternate segments and locations for transmission lines and associated facilities and for the intermediate substation. DPC is requesting RUS to provide financing for its portion of the proposed project.

**DATES:** Written comments on this Final EIS will be accepted no later than 30 days following the publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s notice of receipt of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Final EIS may be viewed online at the following website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/environmental-studies/impact-statements/cardinal-%E2%80%93-hickory-creek-transmission-line>.

A hard copy of the Final EIS is available for review at Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3521 East Avenue, South, La Crosse, WI 54602 and at 13 local libraries in the project area and the USFWS McGregor District Office in Prairie du Chien, WI which are listed below.

Library	Address
Allen-Dietzman Public Library .....	220 W Barber Avenue, Livingston, WI 53554.
Barneveld Public Library .....	107 W Orbison Street, Barneveld, WI 53507.
Dodgenville Public Library .....	139 S Iowa Street, Dodgenville, WI 53533.
Dubuque County Library, Asbury Branch .....	5290 Grand Meadow Drive, Asbury, IA 52002.
Eckstein Memorial Library .....	1034 E Dewey Street, Cassville, WI 53806.
Guttenberg Public Library .....	603 S 2nd Street, Guttenberg, IA 52052.
Middleton Public Library .....	7425 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562.