agricultural water management (rural water supply); fish, wildlife, and recreational development; and flood control. The planned works of improvement include: One multiple-purpose reservoir, a water intake structure, a raw water line, and recreational facilities.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: April 22, 2003.

#### Roger A. Hansen,

State Conservationist.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

## Natural Resources Conservation Service

# Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Virginia State Technical Guide

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Virginia NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Virginia that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in practice standards: #316, Animal Mortality Facility; #584, Channel Stabilization; #326, Clearing and Snagging; #317, Composting Facility; #402, Dam; #356, Dike; #554, Drainage Water Management; #552, Irrigation Regulating Reservoir; #436, Irrigation Storage Reservoir; #634, Manure Transfer; #582, Open Channel; #378, Pond; #587, Structure for Water Control; #607, Surface Drainage, Field Ditch; #600, Terrace; and #359, Waste Treatment Lagoon to account for improved technology. These practices will be used to plan and install conservation practices on cropland, pastureland, woodland, and wildlife land.

**DATES:** Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with the date of this publication.

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to M. Denise Doetzer,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 1606
Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209, Richmond, Virginia 23229–5014; Telephone number (804) 287–1665; Fax number (804) 287–1736. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request to the address shown above or on the Virginia NRCS Web site http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/DataTechRefs/Standards&Specs/EDITStds/EditStandards.htm.

**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 Virginia will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Virginia regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standards.

Dated: April 25, 2003.

### Dwight A. Towler,

Assistant State Conservationist, Field Operations, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Richmond, Virginia.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### **Bureau of the Census**

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## Revised Confidentiality Criteria for Bureau of the Census Public Use Data Products

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is issuing this Notice to update the criteria used to assess and review public use data products prior to their release. The criteria help ensure that confidential information is not inadvertently disclosed.

**DATES:** This notice is effective May 5, 2003.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information on this Notice should be directed to Laura Zayatz, Chair, Disclosure Review Board, Statistical Research Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3209, Federal Building 4, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763–4955 or by fax at (301) 457–

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### **Background**

Title 13, United States Code, Section 9, requires the Census Bureau to protect the confidentiality of individual respondents. Title 13 also requires the Census Bureau to release information from its data collections to the public. In order to comply with the latter requirement, while protecting respondents' confidentiality, the Census Bureau has developed standard procedures for protecting its data products from disclosure of identifying information. A Federal Register Notice (46 FR 22017) published on April 15, 1981, described those procedures.

Since that Notice appeared, some methodological improvements have been introduced and additional formal review has been instituted. Specific changes to the earlier criteria are the following items under the "Criteria for Releasing Public Use Microdata" section of this Notice.

- Paragraph (4). To ensure confidentiality protection, the Census Bureau now requires the completion of a Checklist on Disclosure Potential of Data.
- Paragraph (4)(e). To better protect the confidentiality of data, the Census Bureau may require the use of data swapping. This technique is discussed further in that paragraph.
- Paragraph (5). The name of the Microdata Review Panel was changed to the Disclosure Review Board.
- "Criteria for Releasing Public Use Tabular Data" section. This entire section is new. In 1995, the routine review performed by the Disclosure Review Board was extended to include tabular data as well as microdata.

Also, the scope of the Disclosure Review Board was enlarged to include setting disclosure limitation rules, monitoring the Census Bureau's adherence to its confidentiality policy requirements, and resolving any problems, questions, and issues not covered by the general criteria described in the earlier Federal Register Notice. This Notice updates the information previously published and includes criteria for releasing tabular data as well as microdata.

## Confidentiality Criteria for Census Bureau Public Use Data Products

Data Subject to Disclosure Protection

All data released to the public are subject to disclosure protection. These public use data products include both microdata and tabular data. Microdata