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**SUBJECT**

Plant Imprint Note and Associated Dots and Star on National Mapping Program Maps

**BACKGROUND**

The plant imprint note "INTERIOR- GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA - 19\_\_" is preceded by a color-coded system of dots and a star. The following is an explanation of the code as intended to be applied:

One black dot is always printed with the plant imprint note. A star is used in lieu of the first black dot when the quadrangle is printed by a contract printer.

A second black dot is printed on non-woodland editions (i.e. the woodland plate is not printed). It does NOT mean that there is no woodland on the ground in the quadrangle area.

A green dot indicates that there is woodland, scrub, orchards, or vineyards in the quadrangle area and is shown in green on the map. The green dot appears on the woodland edition in lieu of the second black dot.

The purple dot has been used for photorevised maps when the quadrangle is compiled from special source.

The dots originated when the National Mapping Division produced two editions of the same map: woodland and non-woodland. The "for sale" non-woodland issue was discontinued over 20 years ago and the special "not for sale" printing was discontinued by the Office of Production Operations memorandum "1:24,000-Scale Planimetric and Topographic Non-Woodland Quadrangle Maps" issued August 10, 1994. These dots no longer serve a meaningful purpose and are confusing to the map user since there is no explanation of their meaning to the public.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Discontinue the use of dots and star on all National Mapping Program maps including all categories of reprints. On 7.5-minute quadrangle maps, show the imprint note only in the location described in Appendix 2-A, Miscellaneous Instruction, Technical Criteria for Digital Revision and Product Generation, 1:24,000-Scale Digital Line Graphs and Quadrangle Maps.

**APPLIES TO**

All National Mapping Program map products.

**ISSUED TO**

EDC, MAC, MCMC, RMMC, and WMC.

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