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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Forest Service conducts major research in the area of wood utilization at its Forest Experiment Stations and in Madison at the Forest Products Laboratory. Current research programs focus on: Wood properties, engineering, and improved design procedures; softwood and hardwood lumber; construction technologies; wood drying, processing, preservation, and finishing; adhesives; composites and panels. Forest Service scientists will provide presentations on research at the forefront of wood manufacturing and utilization technology. Members of the American Forest & Paper Association, Committee on Research and Evaluation (AF&PA-CORE) will chair panel discussions on nine selected topics related to wood utilization.

Dated: February 17, 1995.

**Kenneth R. Peterson,**  
Deputy Director.

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## Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Changes in Hydric Soils of the United States

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

**ACTION:** Notice of change.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 7 CFR 12.30(a)(4), Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service), United States Department of Agriculture gives notice of a change in the wording of the criteria used to generate the list of hydric soils of the United States as published in the third edition of Hydric Soils of the United States, Miscellaneous Publication 1491, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, June 1991.

For further information contact: Craig A. Ditzler, Chair, National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils, National Soil Survey Center, NRCS, Room 152, Mail Stop 33, Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3866, Telephone (402) 437-5353.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The list of hydric soils was created by computer

using criteria that were developed by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils. The criteria are selected soil properties that are documented in Soil Taxonomy and were designed primarily to generate a list of hydric soils from the national database of Soil Interpretations Records. Criteria 1, 3, and 4 serve as both database criteria and as indicators for identification of hydric soils. Criterion 2 serves only to retrieve soils from the database.

The wording of criterion 2 has been changed to incorporate recent changes in Soil Taxonomy and delete references to water-table frequency and duration. Until all soils have been reclassified, the computer program will continue to select soils under their former classification. The water-table frequency and duration data are not contained on the Soil Interpretations Records and, therefore, were not selection criteria.

The wording of criterion 2 also has been changed to clarify the way in which water-table data were used to select soils from the Soil Interpretations Records database. Because the water-table depths on the Soil Interpretations Records are entered in 0.5 ft. increments, previous versions of criterion 2 used water tables at less than 0.5, 1.0, and 1.5 ft. in order to extract hydric soils from the database with actual recorded water tables of 0.0, 0.5, and 1.0 ft.

It is important to note that these changes do not cause any soils to be added or deleted from the list.

### Criteria for Hydric Soils

1. All Histosols except Folists, or
2. Soils in Aquic suborders, great groups, or subgroups, Albolls suborder, Aquisalids, Pachic subgroups, or Cumulic subgroups that are:
  - a. somewhat poorly drained with a water table equal to 0.0 foot (ft) from the surface during the growing season, or
  - b. poorly drained or very poorly drained and have either:
    - (1) water table equal to 0.0 ft. during the growing season if textures are coarse sand, sand, or fine sand in all layers within 20 inches (in), or for other soils, or
    - (2) water table at less than or equal to 0.5 ft. from the surface during the growing season if permeability is equal to or greater than 6.0 in/hour (h) in all layers within 20 in, or
    - (3) water table at less than or equal to 1.0 ft. from the surface during the growing season, if permeability is less than 6.0 in/h in any layer within 20 in, or
3. Soils that are frequently ponded for long duration or very long duration during the growing season, or

4. Soils that are frequently flooded for long duration or very long duration during the growing season.

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**Richard W. Arnold,**

Director, Soils Division.

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## Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service

### Inviting Applications for Rural Technology Development Grants

**AGENCY:** Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service (RBCDS) announces the availability of approximately \$1.75 million in competing Rural Technology Development Grant (RTDG) funds for fiscal year (FY) 1995. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 1995, notify applicants of RBCD's objectives for FY 1995, and award grants before May 25, 1995. The purpose of the grant program is to establish and operate centers for rural technology or cooperative development.

**DATES:** The deadlines for receipt of a preapplication is April 10, 1995. Preapplication received after the date will not be considered for FY 1995 funding.

**ADDRESSES:** Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) State Offices to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. The program will be operated by RECD at the State level.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Barton, Loan Specialist, Community Facilities Division, Room 6304, South Agriculture Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0700, Telephone: (202) 720-1504.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Refer to 7 CFR part 4284-F, published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 1994 (59 FR 41429) for the information collection requirements of the RTDG program. The RTDG program was previously administered by the former Rural Development Administration. Under the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture, the responsibility for administering this program was transferred to RBCDS. Part 4284-F of title 7 of the Code of Federal