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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: *Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England (Version 4)*. New England Hydric Soil Technical Committee (NEHSTC), May 2017

1. The above-referenced guide is an update of the previous version released in 2004. It clarifies and refines the 2004 version based on extensive field testing. This guide is currently the best available reference of its kind in New England and is specifically developed for New England soils.
2. This version of the guide is widely used by state and Federal agency staff and the consulting community. It is a standard reference for regulatory programs throughout much of New England.
3. This field guide provides an important resource to use in problem and disturbed situations where Chapter 5 "Difficult Wetland Situations in the Northcentral and Northeast Region" of the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region* is applicable. When properly used, this field guide provides results that help make determinations in these difficult to delineate areas. This field guide and subsequent updates are appropriate and recommended for use with whatever version of the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region* is in effect at the time of the wetland delineation.
4. The Environmental Resource Section staff of the Policy and Technical Support Branch in the Regulatory Division use this field guide and continue to encourage its use by Corps staff and other wetland practitioners for Chapter 5 circumstances.

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