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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: *Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England (Version 3)*. New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), April 2004

1. This guide is an update of the previous version released in 1998. It clarifies and refines, based on extensive field testing, the 1998 version. This guide is currently the best available reference of its kind in New England.
2. This version of this guide, as were the previous two versions, 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. When properly used, this field guide provides results that conform with the results obtained with the identification of hydric soils under the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (TR Y-87-1), now known as the Federal Method. However, should a conflict arise between the guide and the Manual, the Manual has precedence.
4. The Environmental Resource Section staff of the Policy Analysis 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruth M. Ladd", is positioned above the printed name.

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