



## LEADERS IN WATER

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Clarence Prestwich  
National Agricultural Engineer  
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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Re: Docket ID No. NRCS-2021-0004-0001, revised conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP)

Dear Mr. Prestwich,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is an organization representing the largest publicly owned drinking water utilities in the United States. AMWA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the revised conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). Protecting the source waters that drinking water utilities rely on is a foremost concern for AMWA's members, and the association appreciates the work the agricultural community has put into this common goal.

As USDA considers revising conservation practice standards, AMWA urges the agency to include measures for source water protection where appropriate. AMWA supports the protection, preservation, and restoration of the nation's water resources through comprehensive pollution control measures. It is most effective to control pollutants where they originate rather than remove them at the consumer's expense after entering a water body or supply source. Additional efforts to protect source waters will improve the quality of our nation's waters and protect public health.

AMWA sincerely appreciates the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Redder ([Redder@amwa.net](mailto:Redder@amwa.net)), AMWA's Manager of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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