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ATTENTION OF

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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 (NEIWPC), April 2004

1. This guide is an update of the previous version released in 1998. It clarifies and refines the 1998 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 this 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 current *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 areas.
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 for Chapter 5 circumstances.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth M. Ladd".

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