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### KS402.5 Official Soil Survey Information

A. The official soil survey information is maintained at the Soil Data Warehouse and is accessible electronically through various data marts and the web server.

(1) The soil attribute data and interpretations are accessible in Section II of the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) via the Kansas Web site at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>.

(2) The maps, soil data, interpretations and metadata are accessible for an area of interest online via the Web Soil Survey (WSS) at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>. The area of interest is limited to 10,000 acres.

(3) Soil attribute data and maps for use with Geographical Information Systems (GIS) in a shape file or ARC Info coverage format is accessible via Soil Data Mart at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/Survey.aspx?State=KS>.

(4) The above Web sites directly link to the official soil survey information in the Soil Data Warehouse. All customers requesting official soil survey information should be directed to one of the above Web sites. Each field office should not retain more than one box of the hardcopy soil survey publication for archival purposes. The archival hardcopies should not be distributed to the public.

C. Revision of the official copy of the soil survey is done on the evaluation and documentation of the entire soil survey area. However, if an obvious error is discovered by a soil scientist, the official copy of the soil survey may be changed without the evaluation of the entire soil survey area. The following is the only obvious error allowed in Kansas:

(1) Cartography error, the wrong map unit symbol placed in a polygon. An example would be an upland map unit mapped on a flood plain or vice versa.

D. The following steps are to be followed when recommending changes to the official soil survey information:

(1) Recommended changes to the official soil survey information are to be submitted to the state soil scientist for review and certification by either a field soil scientist or a resource soil scientist.

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(2) The recommendation should include a brief narrative description, legal description, maps, and any other supporting documents of the area to be changed.

(3) A letter will be submitted to the district conservationist and the submitting soil scientist indicating the state soil scientist's decision. If the recommended changes are approved, the information will be submitted to the Soil Data Warehouse during the scheduled bi-annual or yearly data upload.