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**REVISED PI Technical Note Announcement PI-2**

**TO:** All Pacific Islands Area (PI) Offices

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**SUBJECT:** Distribution of *REVISED* HEL Worksheets for the Pacific Islands East Area

| Documents   | Explanation   |
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| <p>1. <b>Announcement PI-2 Revised</b><br/><i>January 9, 2007</i></p> <p>2. <b>PI Announcements Index</b><br/><i>Revised January 9, 2007</i></p>  | <p><i>Revised PI Announcement and Announcements Index.</i></p>  |
| <p>3. <b>PI Agronomy Technical Notes Index</b> <i>Revised January 9, 2007</i></p> <p>4. Agronomy Technical Note No. 6: <b>HEL Worksheets for the Pacific Islands East Area</b> <i>Revised January 9, 2007</i></p> | <p>The technical note is used to determine if a field is considered highly erodible land (HEL) or non-HEL (NHEL) based on water and wind erosion. It consists of seven separate EXCEL worksheets, one each for the six major Hawaiian Islands and one for the island of Tutuila, American Samoa. <i>The worksheets were revised to correct an error in the LS Factor lookup table formula. Worksheets for the PI West Area islands are under development.</i></p> |

The technical note is the second in the Pacific Islands Area Technical Notes series. The PI Technical Notes are a continuation of the existing Hawaii Technical Notes series. The other PI areas may use existing Hawaii Technical Notes, if they are applicable to their area.

The official copy of the Hawaii/Pacific Islands Area Technical Notes is maintained on the NRCS Hawaii Technical Resources webpage @: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/HI/pub/technotes/>. It is no longer mandatory for Hawaii offices to maintain a paper copy of the technical notes in the Hawaii Technical Notes binders. The other PI areas (American Samoa and the PI West) will need to set up a new binder, if they plan to maintain paper copies of the PI Technical Notes. Paper copies of the documents will no longer be mailed out, thus it is up to each office to print their own copies. The documents will be distributed to all PI employees via email and are available online @: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/HI/pub/technotes/>. The documents released by this announcement are included in the folder labeled 0\_PI-2\_Documents\_Revised.

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