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**Performance Objective:** Trainee will be able to …
- Understand what is in the NSSH.
- Understand the function of the NSSH.
- Locate and understand specific responsibilities of the national office, regional offices, centers, states, and local offices in regards to soil survey program activities.

**Target Proficiency:**
- Awareness
- Understanding
- Perform w/ Supervision
- Apply Independently
- Proficiency, can teach others

**Trainer Preparation:**
Be familiar with the NSSH parts and subparts.

**Special Requirements:**
Initiate an external learning request with a SF-182 in Aglearn for this activity. Instructions and a template are located on the training webpages for OJT modules.

**Prerequisite Modules:**
- 505 Understand the NCSS standards and other guidance documents.

**Notes:**
None

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The Five–Step OJT Cycle for **Declarative** Training (Knowledge)

- **Cycle Step 5**
  - Trainer/Trainee debrief

- **Cycle Step 1**
  - Trainer/Trainee establish shared mental model

- **Cycle Step 4**
  - Trainer observes
  - Trainee performs task provided as feedback

- **Cycle Step 3**
  - Trainer and Trainee discuss information

- **Cycle Step 2**
  - Trainee reviews materials provided
# OJT Module Lesson

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<td>Cycle step 1</td>
<td>Trainer and trainee review the objectives and agree on the purpose of this module.</td>
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| Cycle step 2 | Trainer and trainee should access via the internet and read/review:  
- National Soil Survey Handbook:  
  - General Table of Contents  
  - Detailed Table of Contents  
  - Download  
  - Latest Revisions  
  - Proposed Changes  
  - Subject Index  

Have trainee review the **Definition and/or Purpose of each Part** of the NSSH.  
Have trainee review **Responsibilities** within each Part of the NSSH. |

| Cycle step 3 |  
1. Review each option on the web site for the NSSH.  
2. Review and discuss each Part (600-655) of the NSSH with the trainee.  
3. Emphasize to the trainee the Parts that provide guidance to a local soil survey office.  
4. Review the policy and responsibilities, and compare the same for the National Soil Survey Center, regional offices, and local offices for the following NSSH Parts:  
  i. 608  
  ii. 609  
  iii. 610  
  iv. 618  
  v. 627  
  vi. 629  
  vii. 630  
  viii. 631  
  ix. 638  
  x. 639  
  xi. 644  
  xii. 647 |

| Cycle steps 4 & 5 | Answer any questions from the trainee and make sure the trainee is comfortable with the content and |
function of the NSSH and with the responsibilities of the local soil survey office.

Trainer offers own methods used to quickly find NSSH information and thus find answers to questions that could help the trainee apply the policy and guidance. Examples are searching the detailed table of contents and bookmarking.
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**SF-182**

Trainee and/or supervisor access AgLearn to verify completion of the module via its SF-182.
Quiz

1. The NSSH has a part addressing updating soil surveys:
   a. True
   b. False

2. Quality control is the responsibility of the:
   a. Local soil survey office leader
   b. Regional office
   c. State Soil Scientist
   d. State Conservationist

3. Quality assurance is the responsibility of the:
   a. Local soil survey office leader
   b. Regional office
   c. State Soil Scientist
   d. State Conservationist

4. Proposing changes to benchmark soil status is the responsibility of the:
   a. Local soil survey office leader
   b. Regional office
   c. State Soil Scientist
   d. State Conservationist

5. Quality control of all map development activities is the responsibility of the:
   a. Local soil survey office leader
   b. Regional office
   c. State Office
   d. Digitizing Units