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Subject: SOI - NASIS- Soil Business Area Analysis Group
Taxonomic National Standard Committee

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ACTION REQUESTED BY: JULY 1, 1992

As previously discussed with each of you, you have been selected to serve on a committee to study the Taxonomic National Standard issue as it relates to the development of the National Soil Information System (NASIS). Lester Brockmann will serve as chairman. Jon Vrana will be the NASIS advisor representing the database development people.

As part of your analysis of this issue, some basic questions need to be answered:

- 1 ✓ -Do we need a National Standard? *Yes*
- 2 -If so, what is it and what data elements should it contain?
- 3 -What is its purpose?
- 4 -What are the user requirements of it?
- 5 -How does it tie-in with other entities in NASIS?
- 6 -How is it related to or accessed by other NASIS processes?

Lester Brockmann will be contacting you to discuss a meeting date.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information concerning the purpose and charges of this committee.

The Soil Business Area Analysis Group (SBAAG) would like to have a recommendation from your committee in response to at least the first four questions listed above by July 1, 1992. Please send your recommendation to me.

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