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Request for Change
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Proposed Change:	<p>Disallow the selection of STARS asset type "460 Site Preparation, Grading, and Landscaping" in the Property Information screen and when adding new FIMS records, whether through the interface or upload tool.</p> <p>Sites may continue to select this asset type in the Capital Adjustments screen when entering capital improvements.</p> <p>In the user's manual, Appendix G, Section D, under the heading "Standard Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) Asset Types," add the following paragraph: <i>Users may not select STARS Asset Type 460, Site Preparation, Grading, and Landscaping for initial acquisition costs when adding real property records as these costs do not meet any of the definitions of real property types appearing in this appendix. Users may select this asset type when entering capital improvements to real property records including land.</i></p> <p><u>Important Note:</u> If approved, implementation of this change request would occur only after no current records identify assign asset type 460 to the initial acquisition.</p>				
Justification:	<p>FIMS contains an inventory of real property assets. Expenses related to site preparation, grading, and landscaping are not real property assets per se according to the <i>Federal Real Property Council Guidance for Real Property Inventory Reporting</i> but rather are valid improvements according to DOE accounting guidance.</p>				
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Remarks by FAC:	<p>FAC Recommended on 3/21/12</p> <p>Approved for Implementation 06/18/2012</p> <p>Implemented in FIMS v2.5 on July 5, 2012</p>				