

## Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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#### **ENHANCED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CREDIT (Large Farm)**

The purpose of the Enhanced Nutrient Management Credit is to facilitate the transportation and application of manure on qualifying farms and to provide an incentive for using custom services.

The Enhanced Nutrient management Credit program will be implemented according to the Standard Operating Procedure for the Enhanced Nutrient management program, which will be reviewed annually by the WAP Program Manager.

1. A Participant is eligible for this credit if manure is stored on the farm and any of the following conditions exist.
  - A. Annual manure storage volume of greater than 1.5 million gallons, or 6,250 tons.
  - B. Greater than 25% of the acreage needed to apply manure is over than 2 miles from the manure storage site.
  - C. Greater than 60% of the acreage within one mile of the manure storage is greater than 60 lbs/ac phosphorous on a Cornell soil test.
  - D. Hazardous road conditions for tractor pulled manure spreaders exist.
2. This credit must be included in the participants approved WFP.
3. Nutrient Management Credit rates will be reviewed annually by the MIC Committee.
4. Enhanced Nutrient Management Credit will be capped at one half (1/2) of the annual manure volume to be spread.
5. Participants are responsible for any charges not covered by Enhanced Nutrient Management Credit.

#### **Staff Guidelines**

1. All Enhanced NM Credit payments are in additions to any standard NM Credit earned by the Participant.
2. Enhanced NM Credit not used in the current year **will not** carry over to the next year.
3. The Enhanced NM Credit year follows the same schedule as the regular NM Credit program year (October 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>).
4. Participants may receive the Enhanced NM Credit payment for farm applied manure that meets eligibility for the Enhanced NM Credit.

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5. Participants may submit expenses not covered by Enhanced NM Credit for reimbursement under the standard NM Credit program, if available.
6. Enhanced credits may be directly paid to custom applicators at the time of service if they provide application records verifying that manure was spread according to the NMP and was applied to eligible fields.

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