

Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

3.1.03

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING GUIDELINE (EOH)

The purpose of this guideline is to establish eligibility criteria for East of Hudson participants for nutrient management planning.

All EOH participants will be eligible to receive sample bags and instructions for crop or pasture soil sample collection upon nomination into the Agricultural Program. Participants who land apply manure or compost to crops or pastures will also be eligible for sampling instructions and supplies for manure and/or compost sample collection. Manure and soil samples collected by participants will be returned to and submitted by EOH staff for laboratory nutrient analysis. Nutrient management planning will be provided to EOH participants if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- A. Participant is considered a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) as defined by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or;
- B. Participant applies nutrients to crops or pastures at least two times per year and soil test results indicate current phosphorus levels are in the “High” or “Very High” range for one or more crops or pastures or;
- C. The planner determines the need for a NMP because of other management practices or site characteristics that may include; applications of nutrients to crops or pastures in close proximity to Hydrologically Sensitive Areas, watercourses or storm water systems (subsurface drainage, catch basins, drainage ditches), applications of nutrients to crops or pastures on well or excessively drained soils or steep slopes.

Soil sample bags will be made available to all participants for sample collection on a three year cycle. The need for a new NMP or plan update will be evaluated by the planner during each Annual Status Review and can be added at any time to the participant’s Whole Farm Plan through the WFP revision process. Participants with NMPs must be actively following NMP recommendations and Operation and Maintenance requirements in order to maintain eligibility for a plan update every three years.