

## INTRODUCING NEW OR REVISED BMPs TO ~~THE~~ A COST SHARE PROGRAM

The ~~Commission~~ commission encourages the continued search for new and innovative means to improve water quality and quantity in North Carolina. ~~The~~ Cost Share Programs ~~for NPS Pollution Control~~ is ~~are~~ vehicles for introducing new and improved BMPs that will protect the State's surface and ground waters. Each cost share program has a specific committee that advises the commission. These committees are as follows:

- Agriculture Cost Share Program: Technical Review Committee
- Community Conservation Assistance Program: CCAP Advisory Committee
- Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program: AgWRAP Review Committee

The ~~Commission~~ commission holds that a standard procedure for introducing a new best management practice (BMP) or a revised BMP to a the c Cost s Share p Programs s should be as follows:

1. ~~Technical Program Review Committee c~~ Committee members, ~~or Districts~~ districts, or individuals interested in a new BMP should submit to the ~~Division~~ division:
  - a. Name and definition of the BMP
  - b. Support information on the need for the BMP
  - c. Substantiation that the BMP meets the intent of the ~~Cost~~ cost Share ~~share~~ Program program
  - d. Justification for the average or actual cost of the BMP
2. The Division will:
  - a. Review documentation for the new or revised BMP
  - b. Present in conjunction with the originator to the committee TRC
  - c. Present the committee's TRC's recommendation (with sufficient support information) to the ~~Commission~~ commission
  - d. Notify the ~~Districts~~ districts of the ~~Commission's~~ commission's determination of approval, denial or further study
  - e. Revise ~~appropriate pages of the A~~ average c Cost lists Guides to reflect new or revised BMP information
- ~~3.~~ 3. Recommendations of the ~~TRC program committees~~ may be appealed to the ~~Commission~~ commission upon written request. ~~to the Commission~~ commission ~~and approval by the Commission~~ commission.
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- ~~5.~~ Revision of a BMP that comes about through a change in the USDA-NRCS section IV of the Technical Guide or by the TRC in the standard revision of the Average Cost Guide shall not require Commission approval. However, the Commission reserves the authority to review any and all revisions made in BMPs or Average Costs for BMPs.

