

## **INTRODUCING NEW OR REVISED BMPs TO THE COST SHARE PROGRAM**

The Commission encourages the continued search for new and innovative means to improve water quality in North Carolina. The Cost Share Program for NPS Pollution Control is a vehicle for introducing new and improved BMPs that will protect the State's surface and ground waters.

The Commission holds that a standard procedure for introducing a new BMP or a revised BMP to the Cost Share Program should be as follows:

1. Technical Review Committee members, or Districts, or individuals interested in a new BMP should submit to the 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 Share Program
  - d. Justification for the average 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 TRC
  - c. Present the TRC's recommendation (with sufficient support information) to the Commission
  - d. Notify the Districts of the Commission's determination of approval, denial or further study
  - e. Revise appropriate pages of the Average Cost Guides to reflect new or revised BMP information
  
3. Recommendations of the TRC may be appealed to the Commission upon written request to the Commission and approval by the Commission.
  
4. 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.