

## Attachment A

# Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Criteria (California) Practice/Activity Code (102) (No.)

### 1. Definition

A CNMP is a conservation plan that is unique to animal feeding operations. It is a grouping of conservation practices and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. A CNMP incorporates practices to utilize animal manure and organic by-products as a beneficial resource. A CNMP addresses natural resource concerns dealing with soil erosion, manure, and organic by-products and their potential impacts on water quality, which may derive from an AFO. A CNMP is developed to assist an AFO owner/operator in meeting all applicable local, tribal, State, and Federal water quality goals or regulations. For nutrient impaired stream segments or water bodies, additional management activities or conservation practices may be required to meet local, tribal, State, or Federal water quality goals or regulations. For land units draining to water bodies identified as impaired by agricultural sources of phosphorus (P) the California P Index will be used to evaluate the risk of P loss and prepare recommendations to limit it.

The conservation practices and management activities planned and implemented as part of a CNMP must meet NRCS technical standards. For those elements included by an owner and/or operator in a CNMP for which NRCS currently does not maintain technical standards (i.e., vector control, air quality), producers should meet criteria established by Land Grant Universities, industry, or other technically qualified entities.

Technical Guidance, Criteria, and Content for CNMP preparation in California can be found at:

<http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cnmp/index.html>

Additional guidance is available in the National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH) - <http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Navigate to:

Title 180 – Conservation Planning and Application  
Part 600 - National Planning Procedures Handbook  
Subpart E - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance