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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

June 20, 2018

John Doe  
PO Box 123  
Somewhere, VA 98765

Dear John Doe:

As a participant in the Virginia Resource Management Plan (RMP) program, you are among a *select group* of agricultural producers going the extra mile to protect soil and water health. Thank you for the investments you are making to your operation and to your community.

The RMP program was established to help ensure farmers receive credit for their work to improve rivers, streams and the Chesapeake Bay. More agricultural best management practices, or BMPs, are being documented through the RMP program that previously were not accounted for.

**We're writing to let you know about the following benefits to help you get your plan certified:**

1. You will get priority in the Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost-Share program. This benefit will begin to apply to applications made for the 2019 program year, which begins July 1, 2018.
2. Once your plan has been certified as fully implemented, you then may apply for a \$5 per-acre payment to help offset the costs incurred of implementing your plan.

Your plan may be certified as fully implemented once you, your plan developer and your local Soil and Water Conservation District have all completed the steps outlined on the enclosed page. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation issues you the RMP certificate.

Remember: When your plan is certified, you also receive **nine years of** certainty from any new state nutrient, sediment or water quality standards, in particular, standards related to the Chesapeake Bay and local stream Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

We encourage you to **contact your RMP plan developer** to ask about next steps. Your developer is your guide to RMP certification. Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District for information about cost-share funding.

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Thank you again for your continued commitment to protecting Virginia's natural resources. We hope you will take advantage of these benefits.

Sincerely,

Darryl M. Glover  
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