

FY'18 RMP-1 Application Procedure

In FY'18 Districts may choose to offer an RMP Development (RMP-1) sign-up period in which producers indicate interest in having an RMP developed at a future date. A sign-up will allow Districts to advertise the opportunity for RMP development and will allow District staff to discuss the RMP program with potential participants. Districts may establish their own sign-up period dates, but the period must end by December 31 for their applicants to be considered by DCR. Any interested participant should complete a cost-share application for an RMP-1. District staff would then enter the RMP-1 application in the Ag BMP Tracking Program. In January 2018, DCR will review the entire list of RMP-1 applications. Some RMP-1 applications may be funded through a Chesapeake Bay RMP Development grant and others may be funded with remaining statewide set-aside funds. Additional funding may be provided to the RMP set-aside, if needed.

Additional RMP-1 practice measures have been added to the cost-share practice. These measures are required as they will be used to prioritize the list of RMP development applications. Some of the measures will be information provided by the participant, while some will be available through the mapping tool within the Ag BMP Tracking system. It is not necessary to map individual fields or list Farm, Tract and Field within the RMP-1 application, but staff should choose a central representative point in order to get HUC ranking and water quality impairment information. Participants should provide District staff with a map indicating proposed RMP land units and also a map, or USDA form, which lists USDA Highly Erodible Land (HEL) field designations.

Additional RMP-1 practice measures:

Farm participation	Stream or river proximity	HEL acreage	HUC Ranking	Bacteria or Nutrient Impairment
whole farm = 3 whole tract = 1 field-by-field = 0	yes = 2 no = 0	30%-100% = 3 <30% = 1	High = 3 Medium = 2 Low = 1	yes=2 no=0

Measures Instructions:

Farm Participation

Assign a point value to identify whether the RMP includes the participant/operator's whole farm, whole tract, or only specific fields within the operation. Each RMP should be entered as a separate RMP-1 instance.

Stream or river proximity

If any field contains a stream or river or the field border is within 100' of a stream or river, indicate "yes".

HEL acreage

Using USDA maps or 1026 A forms provided by the participant, assign a point value to identify the % of the total RMP acreage designated as Highly Erodible Land (HEL).

HUC Ranking

Choose a central representative point within the proposed RMP map unit. Assign a point value to indicate the current Hydrologic Unit (HU) Agricultural Pollutant Potential Ranking of the point.

Bacteria or Nutrient
Impairment

Choose a central representative point within the proposed RMP map unit. Assign a point value to indicate the whether the point is located within the drainage area of an impaired stream segment for either bacteria or nutrient impairments. Use the "Impairment Type" layer of the TMDL dataset in the Ag BMP Tracking Program to make this determination.

If a participant requests multiple RMPs, each RMP should be entered as an individual RMP instance.

Should you have any questions about entering RMP-1 applications, please contact Barbara McGarry at 804-371-0297.