Agricultural BMP Expert Review Panel Reports Update

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- Final draft recommendation reports for the Phase 5.3.2
 CB Watershed Modeling suite were submitted for partnership review by three AgWG panels:
 - Conservation Tillage Panel
 - Cover Crops Panel
 - Nutrient Management Panel
- Only minor revisions requested by the partnership as part of the report reviews.

- Partnership Review:
 - Agriculture Workgroup:
 - Reviewed on September 26th
 - Recommended on October 3rd
 - Watershed Technical Workgroup
 - Reviewed on September 26th
 - Recommended on October 7th
 - Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
 - Reviewed on September 26th
 - Approved on October 14th

- Implementation of Panel Recommendations:
 - Modification of the NEIEN Appendix for jurisdictional reporting (WTWG).
 - Modification of the NEIEN/Scenario Builder interface to allow data incorporation into the models.
 - Implementation of technical modeling elements of the reports for BMP representation in Scenario Builder.
- Results:
 - Availability of recommended modifications to the jurisdictions for the 2013 Annual Progress Report!

- BMP Panel Next Steps:
 - Panel members currently taking a well deserved "break".
 - Progress on selection of a candidate for the new post-doc modeling analyst position shared between the University of Maryland, USDA-NRCS and USDA-ARS.
 - The post-doc position as been identified as essential to the BMP panels in developing USDA APEX modeling support analysis.
 - Approved panel reports materials being prepared for publish-ready formatting and final editing review by Tetra Tech.
 - Panels will be reconvened to review the publish-ready report versions, and begin development of additional BMP recommendations for Phase 5.3.2 and Phase 6.0.

Questions or Comments?