Agriculture BMP Expert Panel Updates: Nutrient Management Panel

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- The CBP partnership's Agriculture Workgroup is currently sponsoring four BMP expert panels:
 - Poultry Litter Subcommittee
 - Conservation Tillage Panel
 - Cover Crops Panel
 - Nutrient Management Panel
- The NM Panel has been established by the AgWG and includes representation from each CBP jurisdiction (excepting WDC), federal and state agencies, academic institutions, and NGO's.

- Chair: Frank Coale transferred the Chair position of the panel over to Chris Brosch with VT in February.
- Meetings:
 The NM Panel has held meetings on March 28th and April 9th. The next meeting is scheduled for this afternoon.
- Agenda:
 The NM Panel is currently focusing attention on potential modification recommendations for the P5.3.2 models.

• Timeline:

The NM Panel is planning to provide recommendations on the P5.3.2 models to the partnership by the end of summer of this year. Recommendations for P6.0 will follow.

• Concepts:

The NM Panel has discussed using the new USDA-NRCS Conservation Practice Code 590 as a potential template for redefining the future nutrient management reporting structure used by the CBP partnership. The CP-590 uses a three-tier system of representing management systems from basic to advanced.

Background Report:
 The previously approved background report on NM programs across the region is currently being updated to include a new addendum on the develop of new P management tools in Maryland and in the regional SERA-17 science group.

Questions?