

# Path Forward for Septic Attenuation Panel

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# Septic Attenuation Panel Charge & Scope

- Update the Phase 6 modeling tools by recommending methodologies and attenuation rates for nitrogen and phosphorus that vary based on soil, site and system characteristics.
- Partnership approval of panel recommendations would:
  - Replace constant 60% total nitrogen attenuation rate currently used; and
  - Apply in the Phase 6 model for all onsite wastewater systems, both with and without BMPs.

# Proposed Approach for Partnership Review & Approval of Panel Recommendations

- It is recommended that the approval chain for the Panel recommendations be the Wastewater Treatment Workgroup and the Modeling Workgroup.
- Why should this review and approval process be different from other Panel Reports?
  - The work of the Panel does not involve any new or revisions to existing BMPs.
  - Process is consistent with other modeling-related decisions.