

factors within the proposed RCWP project area and identify the strategy and parameters to be used to identify the changes in water quality attributable to the installation of BMPs. Wherever possible, identify and quantify changes in land use, land use patterns and farming practices that will affect the quantity, quality or timing of nonpoint source pollutants reaching an aquatic system and detail information as to number and location of sampling stations and the frequency of sample collection.

(3) *Socioeconomic Impacts.* Identify the positive and negative impacts on the landowners in the project area and estimate the community or off-site benefits expected of the project if completed as planned.

(4) *Institutional Aspects.* Identify and clearly define the role and responsibility for each participating agency including, where appropriate fiscal and manpower commitments.

(5) *Educational Aspects.* Clearly define the approach(es) to be used to inform and educate individual landowners. Include procedures for periodic evaluation of this effort so the mid-course corrections can be made if needed.

(6) *Quality Assurance.* To insure that the data collected is usable to make National projections, a quality assurance program must be included that is consistent with that of the EPA Region within which the project is located.

(7) *Data Storage.* The data collected on comprehensive monitoring projects must be available to USDA and EPA RCWP user groups.

(e) *Reporting.* Reports for these projects are to be made at least annually to the NCC based on guidance sent to the SCC by the Administrator, FSA.

(f) *Funding.* Funding for the comprehensive monitoring will be provided from RCWP funds and other authorizations.

§700.42 Program evaluation.

(a) The RCWP will be evaluated annually by the USDA. The evaluation will be based on the reports provided in these regulations and on special studies undertaken by USDA or EPA as part of the RCWP program.

(b) The USDA Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs and

Commodity Program will have the responsibility for coordinating the program evaluation and preparing an annual report for transmittal to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of EPA. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and the Director of Economics, Policy Analysis and Budget, USDA, and the Assistant Administrator for Water and Waste Management, EPA will assist in this effort.

§700.43 Public benefits when installing BMP's.

All BPM's implemented under this program shall be in compliance with regulations promulgated under part 799 on environmental quality and related environmental concerns or similar regulations issued by a technical agency. Persons responsible for any aspect of performing BMPs shall carry out their responsibilities in such a way as to promote public benefits:

(a) By improving or preserving environmental quality and ecological balance.

(b) By preventing or abating pollution and other environmental degradation.

(c) Benefiting the community by means such as preserving open space or enhancing the appearance of the area.

(d) Benefiting wildlife and other desirable life forms.

(e) Preserving historic, archaeological, or scenic sites, wetlands, ecologically critical areas and prime farmland.

(f) Avoiding the creation of hazards to persons or animals.

(g) Avoiding actions that may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species and flood plains.

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