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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Targeted Agricultural Compliance Pilot Project

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➤ Why: A Broad Perspective

- Chesapeake Bay clean-up
- CBRAP
- Scale
 - Statewide: 63,000+ farms
 - South-central region: 20,000 + farms
 - DEP SCRO CBRAP Goals
 - 225 ag inspections/year
- Need for a fresh approach

Mifflin County Watersheds

Map-“Mifflin County Watersheds”.
Mifflin County Conservation District.
n.d. Web. 22 Oct. 2012



➤ Why the Kish watershed?

- Extensive outreach and education by the CD over past decade
- 319 WIP completed and approved
- Poor compliance rates
 - Lack of Conservation Plans
 - Lack of Manure Management Plans
 - Lack of appropriate BMPs, both in field and for ACA/AHUAs

Compliance Timeframes

- If no plans and on the ground WQ problems exist, operator has 90 days to obtain plans
- If no plan within 90 days, DEP will issue a Field Order
 - Field Order will provide 90 more days to obtain plans
- If no plans after 180 days, penalties will be assessed

➤ Benefits of this approach

- More efficient use of staff time
- Less initial paperwork
- Allows adequate time for operator to obtain plans
- Focus is on real, on the ground environmental problems









Initial Inspections

- Inspections complete at 19 “working” farms of 10+ acres during September and October 2012.
- 2 of 19 farms had plans available for review
- 13 of 19 farms did not have notable water quality concerns
- 6 of 19 farms received inspection reports requesting the development of the required plans within 90 days.

➤ Follow-up visits after 90 days

- Follow-up inspections conducted at 6 farms during January and February 2013.
- 4 farms were found to be in compliance with the regulations/the Departments request to obtain the required plans.
- 2 farms were found to be in continued violation—with no apparent attempts made to initiate planning.

➤ Current Status of the initiative

The 2 farms determined to be in continuing violation during the follow-up inspection were issued Field Orders requiring:

- Development and submission of Ag E&S plan and Manure Management Plan within 90 days (4/30/2013)
- Plan Implementation schedule requiring installation of BMPS to address identified resource concerns by 10/15/13
all other BMPs within 3 yrs of plan development.



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