

Nutrient Trading Frequently Asked Questions

1) Question. Can DEP supply us with a sample contract between credit buyer and seller?

Answer. No. The Department would encourage you to develop your own sales agreement or contract.

2) Question. What is needed for my treatment plant to purchase nutrient credits?

Answer. DEP needs to see a signed copy of the sales agreement between the buyer and seller. The agreement should reference the source of the Verified credits.

3) Question. How long does it take DEP to act on or process a request for Certification?

Answer. It takes the Department approximately 60 days to process a Certification request. It takes 30 days to be placed into the PA Bulletin and another 30 days for public comment.

Certification requests received after September 1 may not be able to generate credits until the following compliance year.

4) Question. Does the Department have information on current Credit Certification and Verifications? I would like to buy credits.

Answer. Yes. Please call or email Jay Braund (contact information below) and we can convey the data or reports you want.

5) Question. Is there any other form that is acceptable to be submitted to PA DEP for Certification and Verification of Point Source Load?

Answer. Starting in 2012, DEP will not accept requests for certification and verification of credits unless the concentrations and loads are documented on DEP's Excel-based "Nutrient Monitoring" (3800-FM-BPNPSM0444), "Monthly Nitrogen Budget" (3800-FM-BPNPSM0445) and "Monthly Phosphorus Budget" (3800-FM-BPNPSM0446) form.

- http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/credit_generation_process/21452/calculations/1548037

6) Question. If I have other questions, who should I contact?

Answer. Questions concerning the Nutrient Trading Program can be directed to:

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