

Title 15  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Subtitle 20 SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION**

**15.20.04 Nutrient Management Certification  
and Licensing**

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**15.20.08 Content and Criteria for a Nutrient  
Management Plan Developed for and  
Agricultural Operation**

Authority: Agriculture Article, §§8-801—8-806,  
Annotated Code of Maryland

**Notice of Final Action**

On May 19, 2015, the Secretary of Agriculture adopted amendments to Regulation **.11** under **COMAR 15.20.04 Nutrient Management Certification and Licensing**; and Regulation **.02** under **COMAR 15.20.07 Agricultural Operation Nutrient Management Plan Requirements**. The Secretary also adopted amendments to Regulations **.01, .03, .05**, and new Regulations **.06—.11**, and re-codified existing Regulations **.06** and **.07** to be **.12** and **.13**, under **COMAR 15.20.08 Content and Criteria for a Nutrient Management Plan Developed for an Agricultural Operation**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 42:7 Md. R. 574—582 (April 3, 2015), has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes shown below.

**Effective Date: June 8, 2015.**

### **Attorney General's Certification**

In accordance with State Government Article, § 10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following change does not differ substantively from the proposed test. The nature of the change and the basis for this conclusion are as follows:

Regulation .11B(8): This change adds two members, representing county and municipal government, who may be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Phosphorus Management Transition Advisory Committee. The proposed change is not substantial because it only concerns the possible addition of two members to an advisory committee and does not substantially affect any right, duty, or obligation of a member of the regulated group or the public.

### **.11 Phosphorus Management Tool Transition Advisory Committee.**

A. —B(7)(proposed text unchanged)

B. (8) *Members appointed by the Secretary, including a representative from:*

- (a) *The Maryland Farm Bureau;*
- (b) *The Maryland Grain Producers Association;*
- (c) *The Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.;*
- (d) *The Maryland Dairy Industry Association;*
- (e) *The Chesapeake Bay Foundation;*
- (f) *Two non-governmental organizations representing environmental interests;*
- (g) *The biosolids industry;*
- (h) *The manure hauling industry;*
- (i) *The manure application industry; [and]*
- (j) *Two alternative technology vendors or enterprises[.]; and*
- (k) *Two representatives of county and municipal government from a list submitted by the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League.*

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