

~~ANY REASONABLE TIME TO EVALUATE IF THE PROPERTY OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE FARM IS COMPLYING WITH THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN.~~

~~(L) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~§ 8-803.2.~~

~~(A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING IN EACH FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET TO MEET THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS OF § 8-803.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(B) (1) STATE COST SHARING MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FARMERS TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS OF HAVING A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARED BY A CERTIFIED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT.~~

~~(2) STATE COST SHARE FUNDS ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO 50% PER ACRE, NOT TO EXCEED \$3 PER ACRE.~~

~~(3) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF STATE COST SHARING FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~§ 8-803.3.~~

~~(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO APPLIES NUTRIENTS TO:~~

~~(1) 10 ACRES OR LESS OF LAND EACH YEAR, AND~~

~~(2) PROPERTY THAT THE PERSON OWNS OR MANAGES.~~

~~(B) A PERSON MAY NOT APPLY NUTRIENTS TO LAND UNLESS THE PERSON IS:~~

~~(1) A CERTIFIED NUTRIENT APPLICATOR, OR~~

~~(2) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A CERTIFIED NUTRIENT APPLICATOR~~

~~(C) TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A NUTRIENT APPLICATOR, A PERSON SHALL:~~

~~(1) SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES, AND~~

~~(2) PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT A CERTIFICATION FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-806 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CERTIFY ANY PERSON WHO:~~

~~(1) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE,~~

~~(2) MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND~~