

**INTERAGENCY NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES May 27, 2003**

**Attendees**

<u>NCDACS</u>	<u>NCSU</u>	<u>NCDSWC</u>	<u>NRCS</u>
D. Hardy	D. Osmond	C. Pierce	L. Price
	K. Shaffer	V. Cox	R. Hansard
	J. Havlin		
	J. Green		

**Discussion Items**

1. Membership for the INMC was discussed. It was felt that because of the charter and of the group with a solely technical/scientific mission, that expanding the membership of the Committee to include various commercial and industry interests from the private sector was not advisable. However, the INMC did feel that the announcements and minutes from the meeting should be made public through the INMC web site hosted by NCSU Soils. As a public entity, the public is welcome to attend any sessions, and would only be excluded during discussions of appeals where private landowner information is being discussed.

**Action: Lane will ensure that the INMC Minutes which contain the notice of future INMC meetings are available at the NRCS site.**

Inclusion of agency staff from the field level was also discussed.

**Action: Agencies are invited to identify a staff person from their respective agencies to represent the field perspective at INMC meetings if desired. It was also agreed that, in addition, specific field staff could be invited to attend meetings to address specific topics as needed.**

2. The need to have a robust and operational appeals process was discussed as a high priority, based on input from the Soil and Water Commission. The draft appeals process as included in the PLAT documentation was discussed.

**ACTION: Members should provide review comments on draft procedures to Lane.**

**ACTION: Lane will set up a field site visit to Jimmy Mason farm to test appeals process. All members will be invited.**

3. Follow-up discussion was held on the 4/14 RYE adjustment process.

**Action: Deanna will ensure that the procedures for adjusting yields are clearly specified on the INMC web-site, per the follow-up memo from the 4/14 meeting.**

4. NCSU discussed the Phase II PLAT testing and results. The final rating estimates are being reworked at this time. The numbers will change slightly – in most cases downward.

5. Vernon demonstrated the new interface for the Fertilizer Only NMPs. Agreement with approach and interface. A small user group has looked at re-design and endorsed it.
6. Deanna mentioned that she will be coordinating a field test in Hertfort County on Cotton nitrogen rates this year to help resolve some of the outstanding concerns by field staff and consultants on cotton fertilization.
7. Jim Green discussed that in some cases, specific cultivars for a crop may have a different RYE. As an example, the cultivar Cheyenne would have a different RYE as compared to hybrid bermuda. It was agreed that a factor of 90% of the standard RYE for Bermuda will be used for this cultivar.
8. Next meeting was scheduled for July 31, 2003, 1:00 – 3:00 pm at NCDACS. From this point on, INMC will meet at 1:00 pm on the last Thursday of odd numbered months.