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### Differences between a NRCS Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) - Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)

- NRCS CNMP includes planning elements relative to air quality, pathogens, and issues associated with production facilities (animal housing) issues not specifically identified under NPDES NMP.
- NPDES NMP emphasizes as distinct planning components for the topics of:
  - 1) mortality planning
  - 2) diversion of clean water,
  - 3) prevention of animal contact with waters of the US.These components are included in an NRCS CNMP but not emphasized as a separate component.
- The chemical handling component is unique to the NPDES NMP. A supplement to an NRCS CNMP may need to be included addressing chemical handling to satisfy the NPDES program.
- An NRCS CNMP is inclusive of all nutrient management issues required in an NPDES NMP. NRCS CNMP includes planning elements relative to air quality, pathogens, and heavy metals not critical to an NPDES NMP.
- Feed management activities are not recognized by the NPDES permit process as being required for a permit. However, an AFO may want to identify implemented technologies and management practices contributing to reduced N and P excretion.
- Other utilization activities are not specifically recognized by the NPDES permit process as being required for a permit. However, other utilization activities that relate to manure export or availability of N and P should be clearly defined for an NPDES NM

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