

For: State and County Offices

**Updating Maintenance Incentives for CRP**

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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Maintenance incentives were previously authorized for CRP contracts. Beginning in April 2008, most maintenance incentives were reduced to \$2. For CRP contracts approved on or after October 1, 2009, maintenance incentives for all practices will be reduced by \$2. Practices with a \$2 maintenance incentive rate will be reduced to zero.

For certain CRP contracts, a maintenance incentive remains authorized.

**Note:** The reduced maintenance incentive rates apply to all CRP contracts, **except** CRP contracts enrolled under CREP that specify maintenance incentive rates in the CREP agreement. If CREP agreements do **not** specify maintenance incentive rates, then maintenance incentive rates in 2-CRP apply.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides revised CRP per acre maintenance incentive rates.

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**2 Revised Rates**

**A Revised Per Acre Maintenance Rates**

STC's shall establish a maintenance incentive rate for each practice **not** to exceed the rates in the following.

<b>IF the practice is...</b>	<b>AND it includes...</b>	<b>THEN the per acre maintenance incentive rate is...</b>
CP1, CP2, CP3, CP3A, CP4B, CP4D, CP8A, CP9, CP10, CP11, CP12, CP15A, CP15B, CP18B, CP18C, CP23, CP23A, CP24, CP25, CP27, CP28, CP31, CP32, CP33, CP35A-I, CP36, CP37, CP38A-E, CP-39, CP40, or CP41		\$0.
CP5A, CP16A, or CP17A		\$2.
CP21, CP29, or CP30	no fencing or water facility development	\$0.
	<b>permanent</b> fencing with no water facility development	\$4.
	<b>permanent</b> fencing and water facility development	\$5.
CP22	no fencing or water facility development	\$2.
	<b>permanent</b> fencing with no water facility development	\$4.
	<b>permanent</b> fencing and water facility development	\$5.

**Notes:** The revised maintenance incentive applies to all new contracts except for CREP. CREP-related maintenance incentives are governed by approved CREP agreements.

The maintenance incentive for re-enrolled practices is \$0 unless specified in the CREP agreement.

The rates are the default maintenance incentive rates, however, STC's may lower the rate.

STC's shall ensure that the basis for their revised STC-established maintenance rates is clearly documented in the STC minutes.

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### 2 Revised Rates (Continued)

#### B Effective Date

The revised maintenance rates are effective with CRP contracts approved on or after October 1, 2009.

#### C Conservation Online System (COLS) and System 36 Updates

COLS has been updated by the National Office to reflect the revised maintenance rates. However, all Tool for Environmental Resource Results Assessment (TERRA) users **must** run the TERRA-COLS Downloader for the tool to reflect these new maintenance rates. The TERRA-COLS Downloader user guide can be accessed through the CEPD State and County Intranet web site under the "Conservation GIS Information" link.

System 36 software will be modified to reflect the revised maintenance rates. County Offices shall **not** load contracts into System 36 until the software is made available. A forthcoming notice will inform County Offices when the System 36 software is available.

### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice.

#### B County Office Action

County Office shall follow the provisions of this notice.