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NUTRIENT TRADING SEMINARS ANNOUNCED

(Harrisburg, PA) – The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and a number of other stakeholder groups are jointly hosting two one-day seminars in State College, PA on January 25, 2010 and Lancaster, PA on February 1, 2010. The meetings will focus on nutrient credit trading.

Nutrient trading is a voluntary, market driven program that helps to identify and finance cost-effective solutions to reducing nutrient loadings into a watershed. The program allows one nutrient generating source to meet reduction goals by acquiring nutrient reduction credits from another source within the same watershed. Credits are generated when a source reduces nutrient loadings to a greater extent than is required. For example, a non-point source must first ensure that it is meeting baseline compliance, and then that it is meeting minimum requirements referred to as “threshold requirements.” The installation of Best Management Practices



(BMPs), which are above these requirements, can generate credits for a nonpoint source. These credits can then be sold and applied to a wastewater treatment facility NPDES permit.

The January 25, 2010 meeting will take place at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center, 1450 S. Atherton Street, State College, PA. The February 1, 2010 meeting will be at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA. Both sessions begin at 9:00 AM. The seminar will include a nutrient trading overview, an agricultural panel, a point source panel, and a successful trade panel.

"The key to the nutrient trading program is that it is voluntary and provides the regulated community flexibility in achieving compliance through cost-effective solutions while advancing water quality," stated Department of Environmental Protection Deputy Secretary John Hines. "The program helps our water, our economies and, in the end, it will help the Chesapeake Bay," concluded Deputy Secretary Hines.

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