

Information Item: 14-11 Annual Progress Reports on the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Agriculture Rules

Explanation:

The Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0238 and .0256, respectively) require that the Basin Oversight Committees (BOCs) report to the EMC each year on implementation progress. For crop year 2013, the BOCs received and approved annual reports from the 17 Local Advisory Committees (LACs) in the Neuse basin and the 14 Tar-Pamlico LACs. The reports showed cumulative nitrogen loss reductions of 38% and 43% from baseline through 2013 from Agriculture in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico respectively. Relative to reductions reported last year, this equates to a 7% decrease in nitrogen loss reduction in the Neuse and a 3% decrease in reduction in the Tar-Pamlico Basin. These decreases in nitrogen loss reduction are primarily the result of cropping shifts to crops with higher nitrogen demands and increased nitrogen application rates. Separate report documents are provided for each basin from the respective BOCs.