

## SOURCE CONTROL MEASURES

# 3. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

A nutrient management plan (NMP) provides farmers with valuable information on the nutrient status of their farm/farming system. The aim is to inform farmers when & where to apply nutrients to achieve optimum slurry recycling and nutrient uptake by plants and to prevent over application of nutrients.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. This measure is applicable to those participants that do not require a NMP under current GAP regulations or other scheme requirements.
2. Nitrates Derogation applicants are not eligible to apply for this measure.
3. A new NMP must be prepared by an approved agricultural advisor along with farm maps based on soil sampling results.
4. Only a plan produced by the Teagasc Online (NMP) Programme, The Farm Eye (NMP), Grassland Agro (NMP) Programme or any other DAFM approved NMP Programme is acceptable.
5. Soil Samples must be from a DAFM approved laboratory (ISO/IEC 17025:2000 accredited).
6. Soil samples should be taken within 2 years of the NMP submission date to the EIP Project Team. Samples must follow DAFM best practices, which recommend taking one soil sample every 2-4 hectares.
7. Critical source areas (areas at high risk of nutrient losses) must be identified through discussions with the applicant and appropriate nutrient advice given.

8. The plan should identify any peat soils and appropriate advice given.
9. The applicant must be provided with a full NMP including organic manure generation & storage, fertiliser allowances, liming plan and relevant colour coded maps.

### PAYMENT

Applicants will receive €400 for the submission of an NMP. Applicants can avail of this measure once over the lifetime of the EIP project.

### VALIDATION

Submission of completed (NMP) (including farm maps) along with a copy of relevant soil sample results.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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