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**NUTRIENT TRADING IN PA POSITIVELY IMPACTING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WEBINAR ANNOUNCED**

*(Harrisburg, PA)* – On April 16, 2010, The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture are jointly hosting a webinar entitled, “Nutrient Trading in PA Positively Impacting the Chesapeake Bay, focusing on nutrient credit trading in Pennsylvania.

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.

## **NUTRIENT TRADING PROGRAM WEBINAR AGENDA** **April 16, 2010**

- 9:30 AM** Welcome John Hines, Deputy Secretary, Water Management, PADEP
- 9:40 AM** PA's Nutrient Trading Program John Hanger, Secretary, PADEP
- 10: 00 AM** Agricultural Innovations Michael Pechart, Deputy Secretary, PDA
- 10:20 AM** Conservation District Panel Don McNutt, Lancaster County CD  
Mark Davidson, Lycoming County CD, Kristen Saacke-Blunk, PSU  
Cooperative Extension (Conewago project)
- 11:00 AM** Impacts to the Chesapeake Bay PA Chesapeake Bay Commissioner  
Senator Mike Brubaker
- 11: 15 AM** Roundtable discussion Moderator, Deputy Secretary John Hines
- 12:00 Noon** Adjourn

For those who wish to participate in the Nutrient Trading Workshop on **April 16** by webinar, please follow these guidelines:

1. Use a computer with high speed internet access (not dial up). If you do not have access to high speed internet at your home or office, consider visiting the local library or contact your County's Conservation District Office or Extension Office.
2. Obtain a Friends of Penn State (FPS) account. You can sign up for a FPS account by going to the URL that we will use for the training session, <https://breeze.psu.edu/AgEnvPartnership>. At this location, you will be directed to a site where you can register for the free FPS account. Please record your user name and password – as it will be required for each entry to the webinar location.
3. A few minutes prior to the 9:30 AM start-time on April 16, go to <http://breeze.psu.edu/AgEnvPartnership> and type in your user ID and password. This will bring you to the meeting “web” location. To ensure that you have audio, go to the “Meeting” tab at the top left and choose “Manage My Settings”. Then choose “Audio Setup Wizard” and test your sound input by clicking on “Test”.
4. There is no need to have a microphone for this session. If you have questions, you can



type them into the chat box and the program moderator will ensure that the speakers receive them.

"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 Susan Marquart, PACD Executive Director. "The program helps our water, our economies and, in the end, it will help the Chesapeake Bay," concluded Marquart.

NO RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BRENDA SHAMBAUGH at (717) 238-7223 X 19 or by e-mail at [Brenda-Shambaugh@pacd.org](mailto:Brenda-Shambaugh@pacd.org).

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