Integrated Nutrient Management Program Work Group
Minutes October 10, 2001

Attending: Greg Albrecht, Danny Fox, Caroline Rasmussen, Tom Tylutki, Ed Staehr, Keith Porter, Quirine Ketterings, Paul Cerosaletti.

Discussion:

PWT Business
Danny and Ed Staehr met with Ed Harwood regarding PWT expectations and college obligations. Ed Harwood encouraged the INMPWT to share information and resources across PWTs including the Precision Ag, Waste Management, Soil Health and Composting PWTs. One of the chairs (Danny or Ed) will give a presentation to the Program Council(s) on January 14, 2002. The presentation will be 4-7 minutes in length and include a 1 page summary of our work. We need to submit a full annual report by November 27, 2001. Caroline and Danny will draft this report and forward it to the Work Team for comments.

PWT Overview
Danny Fox gave a Power Point presentation about the evolution, vision and goals of our PWT. See attached file. In addition to the information conveyed in the presentation, Danny made the following points:
- Our original concept was to avoid getting the PWT too large so we can have a clear focus and be able to have measurable, highly visible results in a relatively short time; however we do want to involve those who are doing NMP related work. We all agreed our focus needs to be integration of disciplines, especially animals and crops/soils/manure management, not on developing the individual components of nutrient management.
- Need a short working document describing the INM PWT.

Identification of PWT meeting topics
Need to identify topics of interest to the group, prioritize topics, and get people/group who have expertise in topic to present. Some topics suggested were:
- Paul Cerosaletti – Precision Feeding and Phosphorus loading.
- Greg Albrecht – CAFO planning- impact of data variability.
- Quirine Ketterings – Nutrient Management (Spear) Initiative.
- Dale Dewing – Experiences in using Cornell Cropware and improvements needed.
- Lee Telega – Ag – Environmental policy issues.
- Planning modeling workshop (Dec. 19-20)

Report on AEM Committee Meeting 10/9/01
Keith Porter, Paul Cerosaletti, Dean Frazer and Karl Czymmek attended an AEM committee meeting in Albany. Paul and Dean gave a presentation on the Precision Feeding and DCAP Project in Delaware Co. The presentation was very well received. The committee was especially pleased with the precision feeding program impact on water quality and farm productivity. The quantification of P removal through forage management was seen to be very important. The committee (Mr. Wildeman especially) and Nate Rutgers offered whatever support A&M could lend. We need to follow up on
this. DEC has requested a similar presentation to the Non-point source Coordinating Committee on 10/24.

Agriculture Non Point Source Abatement and Control Project
Money flow may be impacted by Sept 11 tragedy. Have identified Delaware and Schuyler (Upper Susquehanna Co.) as two groups we would like to work with. Keith pointed out that it would be judicious to have local groups getting a significant portion of the funding. We should be open minded about the number of districts. If we choose to work with multiple districts, initiation of work can be staggered. We could start with the two districts of greatest interest, then begin work in other district(s) later in the project.

Software and Integration
There was some discussion about the priorities listed in our PWT proposal; some concern was expressed about having nearly all of the focus since the PWT was established on the first two priorities, the development and support of the cuNMPS, and the last two priorities, identifying and securing funding. The point was made that having the cuNMPS as a first priority gives us a deliverable product and high visibility quickly. Also it was generally agreed that the development of software provides tools which integrate and apply our knowledge and are useful in identifying research and education needs, and give us a network of support in the field. It was pointed out that we have also worked on priority 3. However, all agreed we need to start addressing PWT objective 4, developing a forum (website, seminar series) for information exchange. Toward that end, the next steps discussed were setting up a website, identifying topics for discussion at our biweekly meetings, and planning a modeling workshop (has been scheduled for Dec. 19-20).

Next Meetings: November 7, November 21 and December 5 – 12:00 to 1:30.