Certification Procedure for CNMP Development – Total Plan

Complete one of the following NRCS Approved courses:
  The MSU fall semester 17 week class, ANS/BE 418 as undergraduate or Graduate Lifelong Learning
  contact Dr. Dale Rozeboom 517-355-8398
  Or
  Any nationally recognized 3-day CNMP class (information can be found at www.techreg.gov)

Complete National Employee Development Center (NEDC) Courses
  - Offered free of charge by NRCS
  - Mandatory Web-based courses
    1. Conservation Planning Course Modules 1-5
       - requires 4-5 hours and post test of 80% correct (25 questions)
    2. Agricultural Waste Management Systems Level 2 course
       - requires 12-15 hours of study for 22 modules
       - requires post test of 85% correct (100 questions)
    3. Air Quality Resource Concerns
    4. Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy
    5. Cultural Resources Modules 1-6
    6. Environmental Compliance for Conservation Assistance (EC Level 1)

Completion of one of the following (all of item #1, or one of item #2)

1. Completion of two NEDC courses and one classroom facilitated course
   - Introduction to Water Quality
     - you may pretest out of this class with 80% correct (100 questions)
     - 10-16 hours of study for 12 modules
     - requires post test of 70% correct (100 questions, taken on-line)
   - Nutrient and Pest Management Considerations in Conservation Planning Modules 1-6
     - you may pretest out of this class with 80% correct (100 questions)
     - 16-20 hours of study for the Nutrient Management (Track I, not pest management tract)
     - requires post test of 70% correct (100 questions, taken on-line)
   - Completion of Nutrient Management Module 7
     - Course developed by MSU, MSUE, and NRCS
     - Offered annually: Ruth Shaffer, NRCS, Course Coordinator (517-324-5239)
     - 3 day classroom/field program

2. Certification by Agronomy Society
   - [https://www.agronomy.org/](https://www.agronomy.org/)
   - Certified Crop Advisor Program
   - Certified Professional Agronomist
   - Certified Professional Crop Scientist
   - Certified Professional Soil Scientist
Submit first CNMP to Michigan NRCS, provide 1 copy to:
   Attention: Vicki Anderson, SRC, Natural Resources Conservation Service
   3001 Coolidge Rd. Ste 250, East Lansing, MI 48823-6350
   o Submit electronic copies of AWM & MMP files to vicki.anderson@mi.usda.gov
   o Reviewed by technical team
   o When completed, letter to planner by Vicki Anderson, State Resource Conservationist
   o Provider will apply for certification on Technical Service Provider website in the category of “CNMP

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