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**To: In Department - all Regional Inspectors, AES inspectors, AS, DS & SAO.**

**To: All approved planners**

**The Rural Environment Protection Scheme**

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**Soil Sampling in REPS 3**

The following change is being made to the *Specification for REPS Planners in the Preparation of REPS 3 Plans*:

**Measure 1 – Nutrient Management, A.1. Soil Sampling, Page 21**

The last sentence of this section is being replaced by the following text:

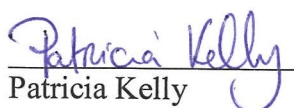
In cases where REPS 3 participants are due payment but the soil samples are older than 5.5 years, or will be older than 5.5 years before the end of the REPS 3 contract, the following options are available to participants:


- a) The REPS participant re-samples the holding and submits an adjusted plan based on the new soil samples

OR

- b) Future fertiliser (organic and chemical) application is based on phosphorus Index 3, except where there are Index 4 samples on the holding which apply until new samples show a lower index.

Where participants choose option b), REPS records will be checked to ensure compliance with fertiliser limits.

  
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