

RENOVATION OF AN EXPIRED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

1. If the contract maintenance obligation for a best management practice (BMP) has been completed and the BMP is no longer functioning as intended due to no fault of the cooperator, then the BMP is eligible for renovation under the cost share program.
2. Up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the actual cost of the renovation, not to exceed the average costs, may be paid. Invoices should be kept in the contract file in the district office. Renovation contracts follow the normal contract approval process.
3. Procedures for renovation contracts:
 - a. write a new contract with a new agreement number referencing the original contract;
 - b. use actual cost or current year average cost whichever is less;
 - c. submit a written statement certifying that this BMP has reached its contract maintenance obligation and that this renovation is needed to address the identified natural resource concerns, as required by the purpose of the specific cost share program funding the renovation.
4. Incentive practices are not eligible for renovation contracts.
5. This provision should not be used to replace worn out cost-shared equipment. However, cost share on expired equipment may be allowed where additional equipment is needed for an expanded application system to implement an updated waste management plan (WMP) for an existing operation that addresses phosphorus or other nutrients not included in the original WMP or to base application rates on more current realistic yield estimates.
6. The contract lifespan is renewed when the landowner/applicant receives cost share to renovate a BMP.
7. Renovation contracts for commission members or district supervisors **must receive** commission approval prior to approval by the division.