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The Reduction and Prevention of Agricultural Diffuse Pollution (England) Regulations 2018

Applying organic manure and manufactured fertiliser to cultivated agricultural land

5.—(1) When planning an application under regulation 4(1)(a) to cultivated agricultural land, a land manager must ensure that the results of soil sampling and analysis are taken into account.

(2) The results of the soil sampling and analysis—

- (a) must include the pH of the soil and the levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, magnesium and potassium present,
- (b) must be no more than 5 years old at the time of the application, and
- (c) may have been collected before the date on which these Regulations come into force, including by another land manager.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(a), nitrogen levels may be determined by means of assessment of the soil nitrogen supply, rather than the sampling and analysis of soil.

(4) In this regulation, “cultivated agricultural land” means agricultural land which has been cultivated—

- (a) by physical means (including ploughing, sowing or harvesting) at least once in the previous year, or
- (b) by chemical means (including the application of organic manure or manufactured fertiliser) at least once in the previous 3 years.