

**NUTRIENT OFFSET PROGRAM RATES DROP AFTER STATE RULES  
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New rules are in effect as of Sept. 1, 2010 governing nutrient-offset payments in the Neuse River, Tar-Pamlico River and Jordan Lake watersheds, as well as under any nutrient strategy adopted in the future.

As a result, the following rate reductions for the Nutrient Offset Program administered by the Ecosystem Enhancement Program are in effect:

<b>Watershed</b>	<b>Nutrient</b>	<b>EEP Rate Pre-9/1/10</b>	<b>EEP Rate Post-9/1/10</b>
Neuse Basin – not subject to a special rate (i.e., Neuse 02, 03, 04)	N	\$28.35	\$12.97
Neuse – 01 Below Falls	N	\$28.35	\$18.49
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Neuse – Falls	P	--	\$142.02
Tar-Pamlico	N	\$21.67	\$9.07
Tar-Pamlico	P	\$286.20	\$142.02
Jordan	N	--	\$18.49
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The rate reductions are precipitated by the implementation of an Actual Cost Method developed by EEP at the direction of the legislature through [Session Law 2007-438](#). The Actual Cost Method was formulated through a stakeholder process in which representatives of 17 key interest groups took part.

EEP compiled data from market-driven contract awards that accurately reflect restoration project costs in developing the ACM formula. Rates will be adjusted annually every July 1, and as often as quarterly if actual-cost rates increase by 10 percent or more.

The rule changes were approved by the N.C. Environmental Management Commission on July 15, 2010 and the N.C. Rules Review Commission on Aug. 19, 2010. For more information on the EEP Nutrient Offset Program, contact EEP In-Lieu Fee Coordinator Kelly Williams at 919-716-1921 or [Kelly.williams@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Kelly.williams@ncdenr.gov).

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