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1 entity cooperating with the Agency is necessary to assist the Secretary in
2 responding to the disease or pest threat;

3 (3) to provide information related to State or federal assistance to the
4 owner or operator of a farm for development of the nutrient management plan
5 or for practices required under the nutrient management plan;

6 (4) to provide or publish statistical or aggregated information provided
7 that the Secretary shall not disclose the identity of the individual persons,
8 households, or businesses from whom or where the information was obtained;

9 (5) when the owner or operator of the farm consents; or

10 (6) to disclose any information related to an enforcement action taken
11 against the owner or operator of the farm that submitted the nutrient
12 management plan.

13 (c) Waiver of privilege or protection. The disclosure of information by the
14 Secretary under subsection (b) of this section shall not constitute a waiver by
15 the owner or operator of the farm of any applicable privilege or protection
16 under State or federal law, including trade secret protection.

17 Sec. 4. SCHEDULE; SUBMISSION OF NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
18 PLAN

19 An owner or operator of a farm subject to the nutrient management plan
20 reporting requirements of 6 V.S.A. § 4817 shall initiate submission of the
21 nutrient management plan according to the following schedule:

LFOs submit -
- only these are available -
- submit in elec format -

*** Nutrient Management Planning ***

Sec. 3. 6 V.S.A. §§ 4817 is added to read:

§ 4817. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN; REPORTING

(a) Submission of plans. Annually, an owner or operator of a farm that, under this chapter, requires a large farm permit or a medium farm permit or is subject to the requirement for small farm certification shall submit to the Secretary a digital or electronic copy of the nutrient management plan required under this chapter. A nutrient management plan submitted by an owner or operator of a farm under this subsection shall identify the location of the outfall of subsurface tile drainage installed on the farm after January 1, 2018.

(b) Limitation on disclosure; authorized disclosure. A nutrient management plan submitted to the Secretary under this section and information contained within a nutrient management plan shall be exempt from inspection or copying under the Public Records Act except that the Secretary may authorize disclosure of a nutrient management plan or information within a nutrient management plan for one or more of the following:

(1) to allow an Agency contractor or governmental entity cooperating with the Agency to provide technical or financial assistance to the farm;

(2) to respond to a disease or pest threat to a farm, if the Secretary determines that a threat to agricultural operations exists and the disclosure of information within the nutrient management plan to a person or governmental

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Public Records exemption