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## **Nitrogen Management Protocol Summary of Changes from Version 2.0 to Version 2.1**

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- Clarified the Project Ownership Structures and Terminology. **(Section 2.4, Table 2.3)**
- Added the option for an initial 24-month Reporting Period. Clarified that each field is eligible for up to two Crediting Periods. **(Section 3.3, Section 3.4)**
- Simplified the terminology used in the performance standard test by only referring to nitrogen use efficiency “NUE” and removing the phrase partial factor productivity “PFP”, which is a metric for NUE. **(Section 3.5.1.1)**
- Clarified Ecosystem Services Credit and Payment Stacking requirements **(Section 3.5.3)**
- Clarified requirements for Baseline Hierarchy Approach 3 – County Average Benchmarks. **(Section 5.1.2.1.3)**
- Corrected and clarified the leakage assessment procedures. **(Section 5.1.3.2)**
- Added flexibility around monitoring and reporting requirements for fields in a project not requesting CRTs in a given reporting period. **(Section 6.3)**
- Modified Verification site visit sampling approach to move from field-level sampling to Field Manager-level sampling. **(Section 8.2)**