

# Fact Sheet

## Pollutant Loading Modeling Environment— **AGNPS**

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### Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Modeling System – Continuous Version

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#### Description

The **AGNPS** PL modeling environment is comprised of several modules enabling users to develop appropriate input parameters for evaluations of best management practices using simulations for their watershed system. **AnnAGNPS** is the pollutant loading modeling module designed for risk and cost/benefit analyses. **AnnAGNPS** is the next generation **AGNPS 5.0** model developed by USDA. **AnnAGNPS** is a batch-process, continuous-simulation, surface-runoff, pollutant loading (PL) computer model written in standard ANSI Fortran 95. The model was developed to simulate long-term sediment and nutrient transport from agricultural watersheds for conservation practices management planning. The basic modeling components are hydrology, sediment, nutrient, and pesticide transport. Land area (cell) geometric representations of a watershed are used to provide landscape spatial variability. Each cell homogeneously represents the landscape within the respective cell boundary. The physical or chemical constituents are routed from their origin within a cell and are either deposited within the stream channel system or transported out of the watershed. Pollutants can then be identified at their source and tracked as they move through the watershed system.

#### Uses

**AGNPS** can be used to evaluate the long term impact of non-point source pollution from agricultural watersheds. Effects of implementing various conservation management alternatives within the watershed can be evaluated. The loadings predicted are: (1) water; (2) sediment by particle size class & source of erosion; and (3) chemicals—nitrogen, phosphorus, organic carbon, & pesticides. PL's are generated from cells and routed through stream systems on a daily basis. Special land use components such as feedlots (nutrients), gullies (sediment and chemicals), and point sources (water and nutrients) are included.

## Features

- Loading, transport, and tracking of pollutants from their source to the outlet of a watershed system.
- Nutrient concentrations from feedlots and other point sources can be simulated.
- Individual feedlot potential ratings can be derived.
- An Arcview interface allowing the automatic determination of cell boundaries, flow routing, and channel properties. This program utilizes topographic analysis tools using readily available DEM's.
- A graphical input data preparation editor facilitating data input and revisions.

## System Requirements

**AGNPS** is expected to run on any PC (386 or higher) under Windows 98, NT, 2000, or XP. Actual memory requirements are dependent upon number of cells selected. A practical minimum memory limit would be 2MB for user data entry and 3 MB for **AnnAGNPS**.

## Planned Developments

The following components are planned as enhancements to **AGNPS**:

- Advanced channel evolution and stream corridor restoration capabilities provided through the integration with **CONCEPTS**
- Riparian, wetland and lake water quality components.
- Integration of NEXRAD technology.
- Land-atmosphere exchanges needed for global climate change evaluations.
- RUSLE2 integration.
- Ephemeral gully components.
- Enhanced snowfall, snowmelt, and soil temperature capabilities.
- Enhancements to the Arcview GIS watershed modeling environment.

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