

**Pathway A: Individual Discharger** (from [Resolution R5-2018-0034, page 32 of document](#))

**Dischargers in Priority 1 groundwater subbasins** (Kaweah, Chowchilla, Modesto, Turlock, Kings, Tule) develop Preliminary Management Zone Proposals within 270 days (9 months) of Notice to Comply. The purpose of developing Preliminary Management Zone Proposals is to provide all dischargers within a specified priority area where a management zone is in development with enough information to make an election for complying with the Nitrate Control Program via [Pathway A](#) or [Pathway B](#). Dischargers elect Pathway A or B within 330 days (11 months) of Notice to Comply.

**Step 1 - Dischargers submit Notice of Intent (NOI) which includes:**

- Initial assessment of discharge to shallow zone
- Submittal of Early Action Plan (EAP) (if applicable)
- Discharge categorization
- Submittal of Alternative Compliance Project (ACP), if required.

**Step 2 - Implement Early Action Plan if included in NOI.** Begin implementation of EAP within 60 days after submittal unless a letter of objection is provided to the discharger by the Central Valley Water Board within that 60-day period. If no EAP is necessary, dischargers go to Step 3.

**Step 3 - Nitrate Control Program Compliance Determination and Revision of WDRs to incorporate Compliance Requirements** (WDR revisions per Central Valley Water Board schedule)

**Category 1 or 2** - Generally comply through existing WDR requirements.

**Category 3** - Compliance may include additional monitoring/trend evaluation.

**Category 4 or 5** - To support an allocation of assimilative capacity or authorize an exception, the discharger will need to propose an Alternative Compliance Project (ACP)