

Closed Recirculating System – Operation Plan criteria and outline

- A. In order to apply as a closed recirculating system, all of the answers to the following questions 1-6 must be “Yes”. If any of the answers are a “No”, the water bodies in your system must be evaluated using the Ag Dominated Water Body Categorization Flow Chart 1 and Report. If all the answers are “Yes”, proceed to letter B below for the Operation Plan reporting requirements.

Question	Yes	No
1. Are there no surface water discharges to receiving waters outside of the closed recirculating system boundaries?		
2. Is the system isolated from natural water bodies?		
3. Is all of the surface water in the system consumptively used or conserved within the system boundaries?		
4. Is Ag production the primary use of the system?		
5. Is there an agency, Watermaster or other overseeing entity in charge of coordinating water management and monitoring the surface water in the system?		
6. Does the system fall under a flood control and/or emergency control plan?		

B. Operation Plan Reporting Requirements

1. General Information/Background
 - a. Provide Contact Information (name, address, phone, email)
 - b. Provide a brief history or background of the area

2. Overview of recirculating system
 - a. Provide a map of system - showing no natural outlet or drainage. Electronic GIS files can also be provided.
 - b. Provide information on the acreage served

- c. Describe the land ownership in the area
 - d. Describe access to the area
 - e. List the Water Supply Sources
 - f. List the name and attributes of water bodies in the system
3. Summary of Water Use management
- a. Describe who oversees or manages the system (e.g. Watermaster)
 - b. Describe how the water is managed in the system for reuse or conservation
 - c. Describe the flood control/emergency measures and maintenance activities
4. Water Quality
- a. Describe any current monitoring program(s) in the area
 - b. List any known or suspected water quality problems
 - c. Describe any current measures being taken to correct water quality problems
5. Future Activities
- a. Describe long-term programs or approaches
 - b. Describe any anticipated changes to operation of the system in the future