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I am a farmer in Hawley Mn and am strongly against the proposed rule. I attended the meeting in Hawley and voiced my opposition to this draft rule that I believe had no basis to be implemented state wide when no empirical evidence exists that we have a growing problem with nitrates in our well water. Small specific problems need to be addressed at site specific locations. The parameters for your model do not fit the reality of the entire state soil structure where our wells have been in place for decades upon decades, many times as deep as your parameters without a fraction of the nitrates that may cause health problems. The unintended consequences of this government overreach will greatly impact the costs and ability to fertilize our crops in a timely manner. It is not needed. We are already under enough pressure to survive in a price environment that requires a bumper crop just to cover our costs. We are learning and adopting practices as we are able to afford it to use less fertilizer per bushel of crop grown. Please go back and come up with parameters that work for specific, documentable problem areas and not a blanket generalization approach that will cause great hardship.

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