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Larry,

Thanks for the opportunity to voice our concerns at the meeting in Hawley last night.

I only heard about this possible rule and meeting a couple of days ago.

After the meeting, I did check on your map and was shocked that some of my land was in this area.

I also agree that you need to recheck your maps, as there is lots of clay under the sandy loam top soil.

I truly believe you need to redo your maps or develop a completely new plan for the NW part of MN.

It is not fair to make us all live under rules because other areas mismanaged N application in the past.

Most farmers that don't manage N properly are out of business by now as it makes no economic sense at all.

I have not applied fall N for years except for P&K and what fall cover crops might need.

Am I allowed to apply fall N for my cover crops?

This new ruling will not affect me at this time, however I am experimenting with cover crops and no-till and would hate to go back to conventional farming if these regulations continue.

I truly believe the farmers of today are the best protectors of the environment and why not let them do their job.

If we continue to let politicians, environmentalists and government run agriculture, I really do worry about our water and future food supply.

Increased regulations hurt the smaller farmers and fertilizer dealers the worst and will force farmers to get bigger or get out.

I am trying to get 2 of my daughters into farming, but with continued regulations, don't know what the future of small farms are.

I know of no other profession than farming, who have a passion for the environment and love feeding the world.

Let us do our Job!

Thanks for letting me vent.

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