Public Comment Form
Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

Please submit written comments on the draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule by August 25, 2017 through mail or email to:

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All comments should, but are not required to, include a contact name, phone number and/or email address to provide for follow-up discussion on specific comments.

Questions
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Comments

1. Time is money. I'm sure you've heard the statement. If this rule goes into effect, the possibility is very high that planting gets delayed due to increased workload in the spring (same manpower and not enough hours in the day), planting is delayed due to local coop not delivering/spreading fertilizer 1 or 2 days late, weather changes so now can't plant, etc. Yields decrease as planting is delayed. Less yields = less money. Small family farms disappear - churches close, schools close, towns die no passing on farm to next generation.

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2. Prevention vs cure (?) If I took penicillin every day because I might get an infection, or took a nitro tablet every day because I might have a heart attack, or I took blood thinner every day because I might have a stroke, you'd call me crazy. Well, you are proposing that we not apply nitrogen in the fall when we don't have a nitrogen problem. Little crazy, isn't it?

3. We are practicing BMR (have been for many years per of my recommendations). We don't apply urine until soil temps are <= 50°F, soil test + apply only what is needed, use extended release when needed. Our soil freezes during the winter (unlike southern NV).

4. Don't assume we don't care about clean water. Everything about the ground is in our best interest to take care of - now & for the next generation.

5. Try to talk our governor into some common sense?