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Comment: STATEMENT ON NITROGEN FERTILIZER RULE This statement is submitted as a part of the invitation for public comment on the Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule. I urge that the rule adequately address the problem of nitrogen and especially nitrates entering surface and subsurface waters. Numerous well-researched public and private studies have documented the seriousness of this problem. I note that once in the groundwater and aquifers nitrates may be present for an extended time rendering this water unfit for consumption by people and many animals. I am also concerned about the role of nitrogen in polluting surface waters. Many have identified what is necessary for an adequate rule. Please heed those comments. I realize that adequate measures are complicated and controversial. However, we are stewards of our natural resources. It is our duty to recognize and act as responsible stewards for our welfare and for the wellbeing for future generations.