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The following information has been submitted through the Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule Comment Form.

Name: Erik Rockstad
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Comment: I am a farmer from Ada and most of the land I farm is east of highway 9. I am very opposed to this rule. I haven't seen any test results to indicate there is a nitrate problem in our water. I do live here so I understand the concern about the water supply and I would not want excessive amounts of nitrates in my drinking water but local testing has indicated the levels are well below the standard or not even measureable. If testing would have been completed in our area and indicated there is a problem, I would understand the neccesity for the rule. However, your lack of testing in this area of the state should exempt us from this rule. If future testing indicates differently so be it. I typically fall apply nitrogen on about 20% of my acres. To reiterate, I am very opposed to this rule, especially without proper testing and research. Soil types alone are not the only indicator. Pleae reconsider your mapped areas of the state.