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

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Comment: August 25, 2017 Grant Binford Binford Farms 1266 170th Ave Luverne, MN 56156 Dear Mr. Gunderson: I would like to participate in the comment period for the Nitrogen Fertilizer rule. These are a few of my questions and concerns: What do we know that is absolute factual about how much of the nitrates that are found in ground water samples is naturally occurring? How can we know with certainty which industry is responsible for what percentage of nitrate increase there might be? There needs to be more collaboration with well monitoring with the local stakeholders. Being involved in the livestock industry, I have deep concerns with the inclusion of manure into future nitrogen fertilizer rule regulations. If the desired levels are not met with proposed rules, then where will manure application fall into with future rule making? The economic shockwaves of losing fall application would be devastating to all livestock producers and crop producers who are benefiting from the soil enhancing attributes that manure produces when applied during the fall time period. These rules will have a large economic impact to our state and how much more needs to be learned about how surface nitrogen could enter our ground water before we should proceed recklessly. Respectfully, Grant Binford Grant Binford