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

The basis of categorizing the whole state of MN under one rule is absurd due to the vast geographical cropping systems across the state. The majority of the nitrate testing has been done in Central and SE MN with very little research based testing in NW MN to base any rules on. Current Nitrogen management practices are being implemented in precision ag techniques being used to minimize N to off-target areas currently. Farmers cannot afford to over apply N and are not going to spend more money than they physically have to produce a crop. Different nitrogen fertilizer.

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applications need to each be assessed differently. There are multiple ways to apply N and the methods used in NW MN in the fall are done so to place the nitrogen in an application zone to prevent loss & done so under the proper environmental conditions to prevent conversion of nitrogen in the fall season & keep it in a protected form until the spring season.