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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I am a private agronomist and a farmer as well and deal with a lot of farmers in the beach ridge area you referred to. Not one of them can afford to be wasteful and over apply or misapply fertilizer and potentially lose it. We take many precautions such as slow release nitrogen, VRT to only put where that area of the field can produce, and either spring applied or late fall applied. It is critical to our area to be able to have the option to

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All apply. Mostly to do with logistics, but keep in mind we all do it with caution and police ourselves as to which soils can hold it. Here is my list of recommendations:

- When fall applying set a rule that the soil temp must be below a certain point (soil)
- Do testing of water sources to determine if there even is a problem, and if not that should say that we are doing an adequate job of managing it ourselves.
- If still a concern monitor water sources yearly to make sure we as farmers are maintaining our level of excellence
- Monitor deep soil nitrogen soil tests yearly
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