Public Comment Form

Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan
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PESTICIDE AND FERTILIZER MANAGEMENT

Please submit written comments on the proposed revisions by November 1, 2013 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

It occurred to me that I've been going to meetings about water quality/quantity in SE MN for about 40 years. During this time I have seen information provided on the status of our surface and water quality from a large number of state, and federal land and water resource organizations and non-profits. All of the long-term data sets I have seen say that we are failing in our efforts to maintain/protect water

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quality.

I did not hear a sense of urgency attached to addressing water quality impairments ~~and~~ Climate change, land use changes (↑ runoff; ↓ perennial vegetation) require a quicker more adaptive approach.

I am also very concerned that I did not hear that there is a synthesized, integrated approach to water management in MN. The SE has SEMN Water Res Bd., BALAM, watershed project so thing, etc. all of which say they are doing something to maintain/improve water quality. It appears the approach is slow, tedious, redundant and unable to finger the culprits. Agriculture definitely has and adverse impact on our land and water resources. All of the agency folks appear as apologists for this bad behavior.

The best comment I heard this every was "... insert in rural water projects."

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