From: Fuchs, Dennis - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN
To: Gunderson, Larry (MDA)
Cc: Wenz, Brad - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN; Winkelman, Katie - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN; Pearson, Grant - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN; Lefebvre, Mark - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN; Herbst, Megan - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN; Berscheid, Rick - NRCS, Waite Park, MN
Subject: FW: Proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule
Date: Friday, January 22, 2016 9:08:05 AM
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Larry,

Please see comments below. Is it OK to send them to you?

Thanks and have a great weekend!
Dennis

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"If we do not change direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed."
— Chinese proverb

From: Winkelman, Katie - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 11:55 AM
To: Fuchs, Dennis - NRCS-CD, Waite Park, MN <Dennis.Fuchs@mn.nacdnet.net>
Subject: RE: Proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

Dennis,
I have reviewed the request for comment on the proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule. I am not sure my comments are worthy of sending or the viewpoint of the district but since I spent some time reviewing the proposed items I thought I would send to you none the less.

1) Definition of fall: selecting a specific date without an additional clause statement referencing specific climate features may be too limiting. Why limit to a specific date if the conditions should continue to allow application without increased risk.
2) I wonder who is responsible for the cost of not complying to the rule…the fertilizer applicators or the land operator or the landowner. This would need to be clearly identified, if all parties are partially responsible the cost of not complying will need to be outlined per individual/entity.

6) Multiple methods (not relying upon one sole method), direct mailing should be one the methods, news article publication and public meetings etc.
8) Still very vague, will there be a list of acceptable fertilizer treatments

Like I said earlier I am not sure if this is something that needs to be sent but it is items that I would like to follow.

Happy New Year!

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FYI. If you have any comments on the plan, please submit them to me before Friday, January 29, 2016 and I will compile and submit for the office.

Thanks,
Dennis

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From: Wolf, Katie (MDA) [mailto:Katie.Wolf@state.mn.us]
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Subject: Proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is in the process of writing a Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule. The first formal step of the rulemaking process is to solicit comments from the public on the proposed rule through a Request for Comments. The Request for Comments was published in the State Register on Monday October 26, 2015 and the comment period will be open until Friday January, 29 2016.

A copy of the Request for Comments is attached to this email and can also be found on the MDA's Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule website.
More information about the proposed rule and rulemaking process can be found on the MDA Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule website.

We strongly encourage you to sign up for the Nitrogen Management email list to keep up to date on the rulemaking process and to receive other updates from the MDA about nitrogen management.

If you have any questions about the Request for Comments or the rulemaking process, please contact Larry Gunderson at larry.gunderson@state.mn.us or Katie Wolf at katie.wolf@state.mn.us.

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