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SUBJECT: Nutrient Management Regulation 62/2008 Review

The Manitoba Water Council, a senior independent advisory body to the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, would like your feedback on the Nutrient Management Regulation 62/2008 and amendment 106/2008.

As background, Section 8 of *The Water Protection Act* states that:

'The Minister must, not later than five years after the date on which a regulation under section 5 comes into force, require the water council to

(a) review the effectiveness of the regulation and, in the course of that review, consult with any persons affected by the regulation that the council considers appropriate; and

(b) recommend, if it considers it advisable, that the regulation be amended or repealed.

The Minister may, in addition, require the council to undertake such a review at any other time.'

As you are aware, the Nutrient Management Regulation provides protection to water quality by encouraging responsible nutrient management planning. The regulation also aims at regulating and prohibiting the application of substances containing nitrogen and phosphorus to land and the development of certain types of nutrient generating facilities in environmentally sensitive areas.

The Manitoba Water Council builds consensus among Manitobans on sustainable solutions that will help protect and manage the province's water quality and water quantity. As such, we look forward to your input to the review of the Nutrient Management Regulation 62/2008 and its amendment 106/2008 helping to develop meaningful recommendations for future action regarding the Regulation.

The Nutrient Management Regulation can be viewed at the following websites:

- <http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/wqmz/index.html>
- http://www.manitobawatercouncil.ca/documents/index.html#nutrient_mgmt
- <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/w065e.php>

To provide recommendations to the Minister, the review will focus on:

- The effectiveness of the Nutrient Management Regulation for the last five years
- Identify the strengths and limitations of the Regulation
- Solicit recommendation and suggestions on what should be added, removed or amended in the Regulation

Please find attached an information package which includes the regulation and a questionnaire where you can share your ideas and concerns about the Regulation with us. You can submit the completed questionnaire and any other comments by email to water.council@gov.mb.ca or to the following address:

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The information package is also available from the Water Council website at www.manitobawatercouncil.ca. Please return the completed questionnaire by December 14, 2012.

Your participation in the review of the Nutrient Management Regulation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Fox, Manager, Policy and Legislation at 204-945-6488.

Thank you very much.

Jean Friesen

3. Were there any significant outcomes or implications of implementing the Nutrient Management Regulation?

4. What are the strengths and limitations of the Regulation?

5. What are other possible approaches, mechanisms and strategies that should be developed to ensure a more effective Regulation?

6. What would you recommend be added, removed or amended in the Regulation?

7. Which of the following recommendations do you agree with? Please choose one and why.

- keep regulation as is
- revise regulation
- repeal regulation and start again to develop a system to manage nutrients

Additional comments

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Your completed questionnaire can be submitted as follows:

- 1. You can also complete this questionnaire online at the Manitoba Water Council website:
www.manitobawatercouncil.ca**
- 2. Send an email to Manitoba Water Council at watercouncil@gov.mb.ca . *(Please insert the following title into the subject line of your email: Nutrient Management Regulation Review)***
- 3. Mail the completed questionnaire to:**

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