

# Nutrient Management Regulation Review

## Background

The Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship has requested the Manitoba Water Council undertake a review of the Nutrient Management Regulation 62/2008 and amendment 106/2008, which fall under *The Water Protection Act* (C.C.S.M c. W65).

As background, *The Water Protection Act*, Section 8 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*(b) recommend, if it considers it advisable, that the regulation be amended or repealed.*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.'*

The Act requires the Manitoba Water Council to conduct a review including consultation with sectors affected by the regulation and other key stakeholders where appropriate. The Water Council will provide the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship with recommendations on whether to amend, or repeal the regulation by March 18, 2013.

The Water Council is soliciting comments and suggestions to develop cohesive and valuable recommendations to improve the Nutrient Management Regulation. Your participation and inputs are important to the success of the review.

## Objectives

The review aims to help the Manitoba Water Council provide recommendations to the Minister to improve the Regulation.

The review will:

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

## Questions

Please provide your inputs on the following questions to help us develop recommendation for consideration for future amendments to the Nutrient Management Regulation.

1. How has the Nutrient Management Regulation affected your business/operation?

2. Do you think the regulation is helping to reduce nutrients in Manitoba waterways?

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

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

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

6. Which of the following recommendations do you strongly agree with? Please choose one.

- keep regulation as is
- revise regulation significantly
- repeal regulation and start again
- repeal regulation and stop the management of nutrient application

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](http://www.manitobawatercouncil.ca)
- 2. Send an email to Manitoba Water Council at [watercouncil@gov.mb.ca](mailto:watercouncil@gov.mb.ca) with your responses. (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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