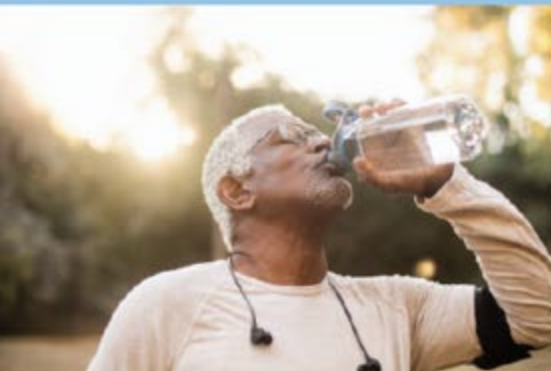


Limitations of Nutrient Management Policies

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Presentation outline

- Background
- Strategy vs Plan
- Recent developments
- Remaining gaps



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Drinking water threats in question

- The application of agricultural source material
- The handling and storage of agricultural source material
- The application of commercial fertilizer
- The handling and storage of commercial fertilizer
- Issue Contributing Area polices for fertilizer
- Livestock – outdoor confinement and farm-yard animals

Strategy vs. Plan



- *Nutrient Management Act, 2002*
- Nutrient Management Strategy
 - Are approved by Ministry
 - Storage of agricultural source material
 - Livestock yards/confinement
- Nutrient Management Plan
 - Not an approval
 - Not reviewed or approved by Ministry
 - Application of agricultural source material
 - Application of fertilizer

No Change in Provincial Approach

- Proposed changes to the *Clean Water Act* would have enabled the use of risk management plan policies for agricultural activities where the provincial tools are lacking
- These changes were not included in the final approved changes to the Act nor in the new regulation

No Change in Provincial Approach

- Comments received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness restated what tools they do and do not review, irrespective of the wording of our policies
- Reviewed: Nutrient Management Strategies &NASM plans
- Not reviewed: Nutrient Management Plans

Remaining gap

- There continues to be a lack of oversight for activities managed through nutrient management plans
- Committees remain unable to require risk management plans or risk management official oversight on these activities

Thank you

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