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Subject: DOE proposed changes.

To whom it may concern,
I am a fourth generation dairymen and I am very concerned about your proposed changes. I am confident that if your proposal stays as is we will lose a generation of family farms. My own son, a WSU dairy graduate is very talented and dedicated. He recently made a decision not to continue in the dairy business. DOE's behavior on several fronts has discouraged him.

I know I speak with authority that your behavior has discouraged many. The sad part of it is--your proposal is not even handed nor is it equitable.

If we really think the nitrates in the ground water are primarily from our Agricultural practices---Why are we not addressing it equitably amongst all farmers?

I wonder if you have thought about the unintended consequences of your proposal?

Here are just a few:

1. Grass utilizes nitrogen and is a wonderful filter--the best filter imaginable.
2. What do you think will replace those grass fields?
3. Have you considered the sorrow and grief that you are causing "hard working family farmers?"
4. Have you considered the negative impact you are having on farm communities?
5. Have you considered what this might do to DOE's reputation when the world finds out you moved forward on shaky unproven assumptions?

The sad reality is after all is said and done it is doubtful your proposal will do anything to enhance water quality. Likely it will be worse because row crops use much more commercial nitrates than dairies. In addition more towns, cities, and golf courses I am confident will hurt water quality much more than agriculture.

Bottom line I am very concerned for our younger dairymen. You have a responsibility to be VERY CAREFUL.

In conclusion I would appreciate an answer to each of my questions.

Sherman Polinder
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