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I am a contract hog producer and have a NPDES permit since 2005. Every new permit gets more and more restrictive and burdensome. Everyone wants clean water and air. So I have a question that wasn't answered at the Chatfeild meeting .When measuring nitrates in water is mpca able to tell where they came from? There are according to your website 17000 active feedlots in Minnesota and about 1000 Cafo's so all the water nitrates comes from us. Give me a break.Ever gallon of manure that our hogs produces is injected ,never on top of snow,and reported to mpca annually. But I watch small producers apply manure year round, in the rain,snow everyday,where does that manure endup?If you are going after us big guys who are doing everything the best we can how about everyone that produces manure. The idea of all this cover crops and split applications is totally unworkable and expensive.I would be fine with using N serve or a similar product. Mpca needs to work with us to do what's best for everyone. I am 63 years old and on the tail end of my farming career and am terrified of what is coming for the next generation. It appears mpca will ultimately regulate us out of business. But ask yourself this who's going to eat all this corn. Thankyou