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Dear Provincial Commodity Group/Association:

As you may be aware, the Nutrient Management Regulation under *The Water Protection Act* includes restrictions on the dates when synthetic fertilizers can be applied to agricultural lands. No fertilizer can be applied to land between November 10th of one year and April 10th of the next. This restriction is intended to reduce the likelihood of fertilizer losses during spring melt and first came into effect on January 1, 2011.

Since agricultural producers play an important role in protecting water quality, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship would respectfully request that you share this reminder with the members of your association.

Although progress continues to be made to improve water quality and reduce nutrient loading, we must continue to move forward. Working together, we can make a difference. More information on the Nutrient Management Regulation can be found on our website at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/wqmz/index.html>.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at (204) 945-7096, at the above address, or by e-mail at David.Hay@gov.mb.ca.

Yours truly,

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