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Heartland's Contributions to the CAFO Policy on Nutrient Planning

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Abstract Text:

Recent revisions to EPA policy on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) has produced a proposal for inclusion of nutrient planning information in the permit that would contradict land grant university recommendations. Our Heartland team was specifically concerned about potential inclusion of NMP "terms" within an NPDES permit that address tactical planning issues such as manure and fertilizer (or nutrient) rates, timing of land application, application method, and individual fields receiving manure in any one year. This presentation will accomplish the following:

- Introduce the recommendations made by the Heartland team as part of the comment process for the proposed EPA rules,
- Summarize the new proposal (option E in the December 2007 CAFO rules proposal)
- Share a crop nutrient planning process crafted by Heartland and EPA Region 7 to implement the proposed CAFO policy option E and provide the appropriate flexibility necessary to achieve the agronomic and environmental objectives of a crop nutrient management plan.

Impact Statement:

Heartland regional team has interfaced closely with EPA Region 7 to influence public policy addressing EPA's 2003 Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) regulations and to guide the implementation of this policy in our region.