Dear H2Ohio Producer,

**!!H2OHIO REMINDERS!!**

Before planting season is in full swing, I wanted to send out this quick reminder/clarification about H2Ohio practices and their guidelines. I want everyone, as well as soil conservation, to benefit from this program. While applying fertilizer for the crops this year please keep in mind the following:

**Subsurface & Manure Inc. Practice**

**THEY ARE NOT COMPATIBLE**. This means if you are enrolled in the subsurface practice, you CAN NOT broadcast spread any manure on that same field for the duration of the crop year. **Doing so will be forfeiting your subsurface practice payment.** This will be enforced. If your plan calls for it, you may inject manure, but cannot receive a manure payment.

For this program, you can not get paid for applying manure in the fall, and then a subsurface payment that spring. Even though they are being paid in separate crop years, the fertilizer being implemented is for the same crop.

To receive a subsurface payment, you must apply more than 20 lbs of P2O5. You must bring in invoices and record sheet of how much and what was injected.

To receive a manure payment, you must first notify me and receive a manure guidance tool. The manure guidance tool will calculate a minimum and maximum amount spread. **YOU MUST SPREAD BETWEEN THESE AMOUNTS TO RECEIVE A PAYMENT**. Anything under or over will not receive an H2Ohio payment. Manure must be incorporated within 24 hours of being spread. The manure must be incorporated, and cover crop planted by **Oct. 15th** to fulfill practice requirements.

**VRT (Variable Rate Phosphorus) Practice**

If you are enrolled in the VRT practice, please remember that to receive the VRT payment you can only apply up to 20lbs. of P2O5. To receive payment, you must provide As-Applied maps and invoices.

**Changing Practices**

I understand that it is a lot to ask to plan out years in advance on what the crop is going to be and what you plan on applying to it. With the uncertainty of fertilizer availability and prices, plans may need to change. This is completely acceptable. Schedule a time with me to layout what you plan on doing for the current crop year and we can manage your contract accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to reach out and ask questions. I am trying to keep up on the program and implement it to the best of my ability. Wishing you all a safe, successful planting season!!

Thank you,

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