



**NORTH PLATTE**  
Natural Resources District

## **Press Release**

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#### **North Platte NRD Approves Advisory Group on Nitrogen Management**

The North Platte Natural Resources District has been monitoring and recording nitrate levels in the groundwater from wells located across our District for over 40 years. Over 750 wells are tested on a routine basis and recently those results have shown that nitrate levels in 266 wells within our District are over the threshold of 7.5 parts per million (ppm) and require additional management controls.

Currently, the NPNRD Board of Directors is reviewing changes to our District Rules and Regulations, which contain the nitrogen management controls across the entire District. Accounting for the elevating results of nitrate levels, the Board will be considering possible changes to the way commercial nitrogen is applied in this District. In order to receive input from constituents who may be affected by these changes, our Board has approved the establishment of a Nitrogen Management Advisory Group.

This group will be established to provide insight and feedback on the pros and cons of the proposed changes in our nitrogen management Rules and Regulations so that our Board can institute Rules and Regulations that are truly the best management practices. Persons interested and willing to dedicate their time as a member of this group should apply to the District no later than January 25, 2019, by submitting a written biography and a statement as to why you should be considered as a member of this group. Members will be required to

attend one meeting each month, beginning in February, until the Board feels they have received adequate input and information from the group, but shall not be required to serve for more than six (6) consecutive months.

Members will be selected and appointed by the Board of Directors at the February 2019 Board meeting. Members will be selected at the Board's discretion as follows: Two representatives from different retail fertilizer sales or service businesses; two agronomy consultants; one representative in municipal leadership; one representative of parks, golf courses or recreation; one representative from a retail landscaping service business; one academic or natural resources professional; and up to five urban or rural residents - one resident from each of the five counties within the District.

If anyone has any questions regarding application or the advisory group, please contact our office at (308) 632-2749.