

Zone 1 to Join Phase II Management

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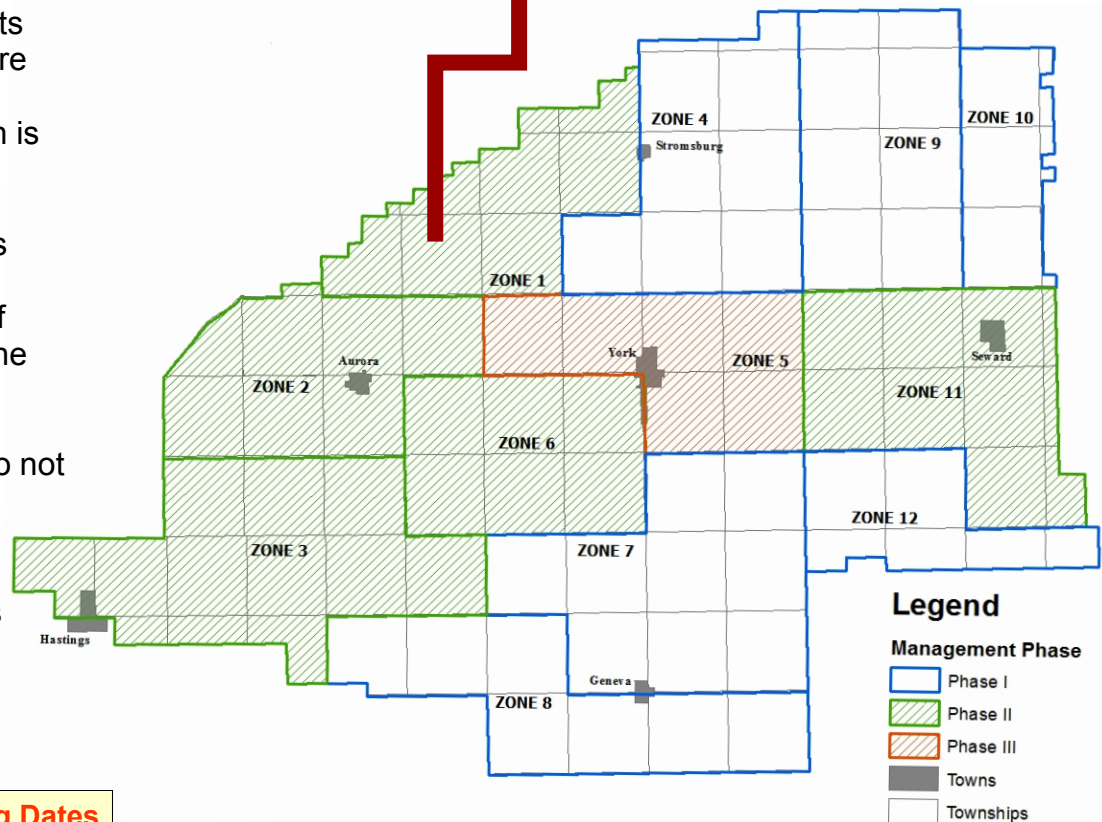
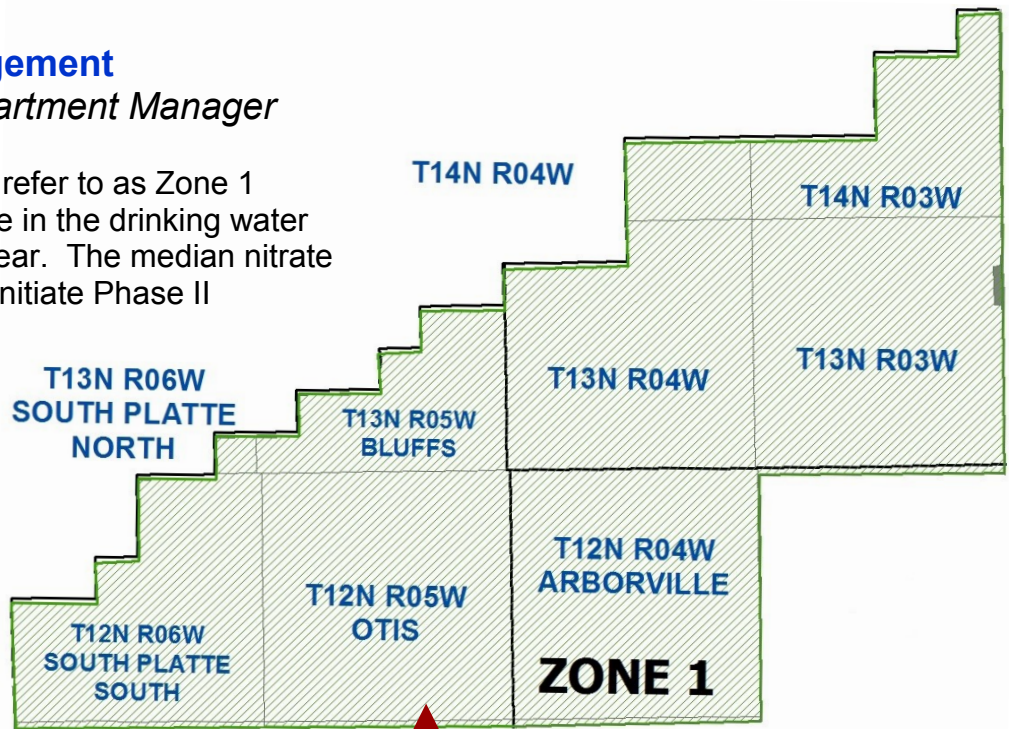
Over the past few years, the area we refer to as Zone 1 (see map) has seen a steady increase in the drinking water nitrates from wells we sample each year. The median nitrate has risen above the 7 ppm trigger to initiate Phase II Management in this zone.

Beginning this fall/winter, District staff will begin gathering operator information for irrigated and dryland farms in the Zone 1 area. Initial Nitrogen Certification Trainings will be scheduled over the course of the winter. (See the lower right hand corner of the back page for training schedule.)

If you have a current Nitrogen Certification number, you have already fulfilled the requirements of Phase II Management and are not required to attend the initial trainings. Nitrogen Certification is once every four years.

The information provided in this newsletter will help you better understand the requirements of Phase II & III Management in the Upper Big Blue NRD.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to call Dan Leininger, Courtney Widup, or myself at (402) 362-6601. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.



Nitrogen Management Training Dates

December 7, 2016 (9:30-11:30a.m.)
@ Leadership Center-Aurora

January 18, 2017 (1:30-3:30p.m.)
@ Leadership Center-Aurora

February 8, 2017 (1:30-3:30p.m.)
@ Holthus Convention Center-York



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