NRDs Are Managing Water Statewide:

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So why does this matter to you? Quite simply, Nebraska's NRDs are working to ensure that you and future generations can continue to share in the use and enjoyment of our natural resources. Nebraska's NRDs: Protecting Lives. Protecting Property, and Protecting the Future...

combination. The higher the Phase, the more implementation of management efforts for protection is required. It is best to consult NRD GROUNDWATER QUALITY REGULATIONS ACROSS NEBRASKA with your local NRD to identify with their programs. The phases listed here are only the phases currently triggered. January 2023 Water Quality Management Areas: Yes LEWIS & GLANN Required Operator Training: Urban Rural Both Water Quality Management Areas: Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Required Operator Training: Required Soil Sampling: Yes Urban Rural Both Required Water Sampling: Water Quality Management Areas: Yes Yes Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Water Quality Management Areas: Water Quality Management Areas: Required Operator Training: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Yes Required Operator Training: Required Operator Training: Yes Urban Rural Both Water Quality Management Areas: Yes Required Water Sampling: Yes Urban Rural Both Urban Rural Both Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes **Required Operator Training:** Yes Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Yes Urban Rural Both Required Soil Sampling: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Yes Required Water Sampling: Yes Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes **Required Water Sampling:** Yes Required Water Sampling: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Yes Water Quality Management Areas: Yes Required Water Sampling: Yes Water Quality Management Areas: Yes **Required Operator Training:** No Required Operator Training: Urban ☐ Rural ☐ Both ☐ Yes Urban Bural Both Required Fertilizer Application Dates: No Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Required Soil Sampling: Yes No Lower Niobrara NRD Lewis & Middle Niobrara NRD Required Soil Sampling: Yes Upper Niobrara -Required Water Sampling: Yes Clark NRD Required Water Sampling: Yes White NRD Water Quality Management Areas: Water Quality Management Areas: Yes Required Operator Training: Upper Elkhorn NRD Required Operator Training: Urban Rural Both Yes Lower Urban Aural Both Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Elkhorn NRD Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Required Soil Sampling: Upper Loup NRD Yes Yes Required Soil Sampling: Required Water Sampling: Yes Yes Papio -Required Water Sampling: Yes North Platte NRD Missouri Water Quality Management Areas: Yes River NRD SOUTH PLATTE Water Quality Management Areas: Required Operator Training: Yes Lower Loup NRD Lower Platte Required Operator Training: Urban Rural Both North NRD Urban Rural Both Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Twin Platte NRD South Platte NRD Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Required Soil Sampling: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Yes Required Water Sampling: Yes **Required Water Sampling:** Lower Platte Yes Upper Big South NRD Upper Water Quality Management Areas: Blue NRD Central Platte NRD Republican Water Quality Management Areas: Required Operator Training: Required Operator Training: Urban □ Rural □ Both □ NRD Water Quality Management Areas: Urban ☐ Rural ☐ Both ☐ Middle Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Nemaha NRD No Tri-Basin NRD Lower Required Operator Training: Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Soil Sampling: No Republican Little Blue NRD Urban ☐ Rural ☐ Both ☐ Big Blue Required Soil Sampling: Required Water Sampling: No NRD Required Fertilizer Application Dates: No Required Water Sampling: No NRD Required Soil Sampling: No Lower Republican NRD No Required Water Sampling: **EDITOR'S NOTE:** The information presented Water Quality Management Areas: Yes statewide reflects water management and **Required Operator Training:** conservation data as of January 2023 Water Quality Management Areas: Urban A Rural Both Water Quality Management Areas: Water Quality Management Areas: Required Operator Training: Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Operator Training: ISES I, III, III & This map is intended for general reference only. Required Operator Training: Yes Urban Rural Both Required Soil Sampling: Yes Urban A Rural Both District, and sub-area specific rules and Urban Rural Both Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Water Sampling: Yes Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes regulations are put in place by a locally elected Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Yes board of directors for each Natural Resources Required Soil Sampling: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Required Water Sampling: Yes Yes District. As a result, rules and regulations are Required Water Sampling: Yes Water Quality Management Areas: Yes Required Water Sampling: No 불 subject to change per local board action. Not all **Required Operator Training:** Yes restrictions pertaining to water management are Urban Rural Both Water Quality Management Areas: Water Quality Management Areas: represented on this map. Please contact your Water Quality Management Areas: Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Operator Training: local NRD to obtain the most current rules and Required Operator Training: Required Operator Training: Yes Required Soil Sampling: Yes Urban Bural Both Urban ☐ Rural ☐ Both ☐ regulations for that District. Urban Rural Both Required Water Sampling: Yes Required Fertilizer Application Dates: Yes Required Fertilizer Application Dates: No Required Fertilizer Application Dates: No Information gathered and published by: Required Soil Sampling: Yes Required Soil Sampling: No Required Soil Sampling: No Nebraska Assoc, of Resources Districts Required Water Sampling: Yes Required Water Sampling: No Required Water Sampling:

In reference to Phase I, II, III and IV areas, NRDs utilize trigger points

monitoring well testing. These triggers are put in place to protect

individual NRD boundary, but are relative to the safe drinking water

standards mandated federally. A district may have all, none, or part of its districts designated as Phase I, II, III and IV areas, or any

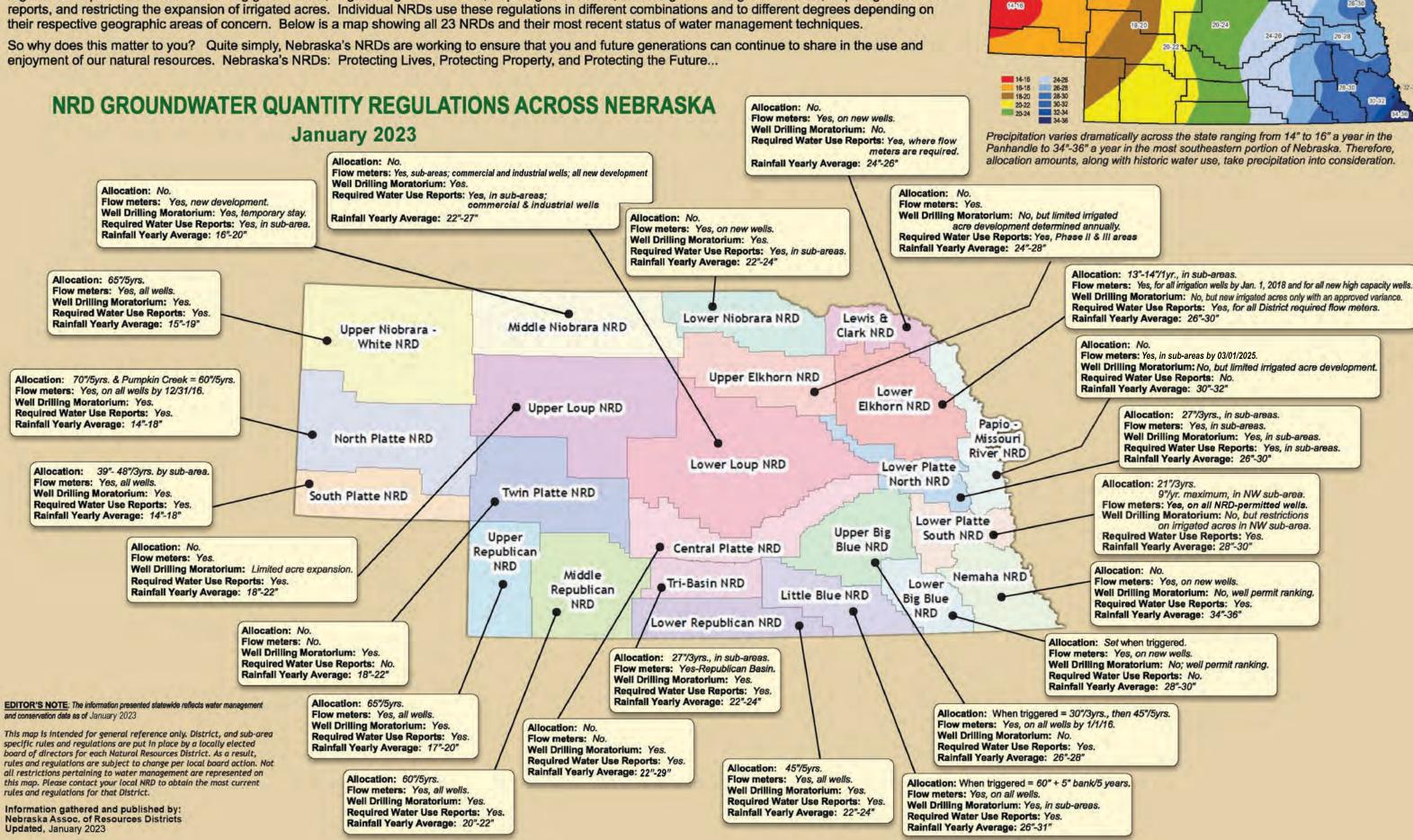
signifying specific levels of nitrate in groundwater through

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