



KANDIYOHI SWCD MONITORING PLAN FOR BUFFER COMPLIANCE TRACKING

§103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

1. COMPLIANCE TRACKING OF ALL PARCELS SUBJECT TO THE BUFFER LAW

All parcels in Kandiyohi County are to be reviewed within a 3-year timeframe. The County is broken up into three areas: A, B and C (Attachment A). The Kandiyohi SWCD will review either area A, B or C each year, with each area being checked in a 3-year time frame. The area chosen each year will be in a random order.

2. RANDOM SPOT CHECKS

Random spot checks will be done in addition to the tracking of all parcels within a 3-year span. These checks may be conducted via aerial photo review or on-site review depending on availability of updated aerial photos and the practice that is being checked/access to farms. A combination of both aerial and on-site review may also be used.

- a. The SWCD will conduct 25-50 parcels on a random spot check review each year outside of the scheduled area.
- b. Additionally, the SWCD should review parcels of emphasis more frequently.
 - Previously non-compliant
 - No-till/Conservation tillage or cover crop alternative practice plans
 - Variable width buffers (i.e. Land O' Lakes buffer tool, Decision Support Tool)
 - Other Alternative Practice Plans
 - Cost-share funded projects (years 1,5,9 of contract)
 - Parcels of further emphasis (potential violators)

3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The Kandiyohi SWCD has provided a complaint form regarding the MN Buffer Law. You will be able to find this on our website under the MN Buffer Law information tab. When filled out, please drop it off in our office, send via mail or email to Ellie.Dittes@mn.nacdnet.net.

Attachment A:

