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A fact sheet titled, Implications of the New TMDL Rules for Iowa Agriculture [1] has been jointly prepared by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State University Extension. This fact sheet will help you better understand this very important subject.

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