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CASS SWCD Monitoring Plan for annual Buffer Compliance Reviews

103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

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

- All parcels in the county are reviewed within a 3-year timeframe.

2. RANDOM SPOT CHECKS

Random spot checks will be done in addition to tracking of all parcels within a 3 – year span. These checks will be done via aerial photo review or on-site review, or a combination of both. An example could be a parcel that was previously non-compliant or a parcel that utilized buffer funds to come into compliance.

3. PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

- Upon noticed complaint, SWCD will verify if parcel is on DNR buffer map and reference existing documentation.
- Compliance determination will be evaluated via aerial photo and/or site visit with landowner.
- If parcel is found out of compliance, SWCD will work with landowner to become compliant.
- SWCD may provide landowner technical and/or financial assistance.
- If landowner does not come into compliance by a given timeline, a Notification of Noncompliance will be sent to BWSR.
- Upon completion, the SWCD may issue a validation of Compliance if requested by landowner.