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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I thought you might be interested in hearing the rest of the requirements of the federal government with regard to these nutrient management plans, which would flush out your conception of what this is all about. But since we're on Senator Preister's amendment, I want to put that off a second and ask Senator Preister a question or two, if he would respond. Well, let me ask, in that case, Senator Schrock, since...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...he would probably know this. Senator Schrock, the Preister amendment indicates that the nutrient management plans will be continuously kept on file at the department, and at least annually the operator shall update any change made to the nutrient management plan. Senator, under the law or under the regulations, in order to make a change to the nutrient management plan, what has to happen?

SENATOR SCHROCK: You have to file an update with the department and it has to be approved.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So the department actually, right there, in their own department, is approving this change and I assume the department could just add that to the nutrient management file. Could they not?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I would...yes, that's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Preister, then I would ask you why is it that we have the operator updating any changes made to the nutrient management plan when it appears that perhaps it would be simpler for the department to do that and probably more reliable?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Preister, I...Senator Beutler, I'm not sure that I heard the first part earlier of what you were discussing, because I was still trying to negotiate and work on the language that I'm concerned with. So at this point, I'm