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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

Good afternoon my name is Brad Deacon and I am. The hearing officer for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and rural development.

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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

Today I'm conducting the public hearing on the proposed changes to rules 13 and 7 within regulation 634 titled Commercial fertilizers.

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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

For the record the date is December 7th 2021 and the time is 103.

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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

We are conducting this hearing, both in person here in the Theodore Brown conference room in Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street Lansing, Michigan.

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And virtually using Microsoft Teams, not only for the protection of the public and Department staff, but also to allow for greater participation by interested parties across the state without having to drive to the Lansing area.

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President today from the Michigan Department of agricultural development are Jaime Guardiola Jarrod Fletcher.

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Tim Lions feed safety and fertilizer program manager.

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Mike Phillips director of the test site and plant pest management division and legal intern Bradley Varner.

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On behalf of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and rural development and its director, Gary McDowell. Welcome to today's public hearing.

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This hearing is being conducted under authority provided to the director in the natural resources and Environmental Protection Act, part 85 fertilizers.

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At Section 324 dot 8516 of the Michigan compiled laws or 85 provides her regulation of the sale and use of fertilizers.

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Notice of this public hearing was published in the Michigan Register on December first 2021 in issue 21.

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Legal notices were also published in the Escanaba Daily Press on November 5th.

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And the Muskegon Chronicle and the Bay City times on November 7th. This hearing is being recorded, using Microsoft Teams and a transcript will be generated if needed.

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Copies of the proposed amendments.

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2 rules 12 and 7 for regulation 634 commercial fertilizers.

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As well as the regulatory impact statement and cost benefit analysis developed by the Department are available from the Department and have been posted on the website for the Michigan Office of administrative hearings and rules.

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Written comments must be received by the close of business tomorrow Wednesday, December 8th until 5:00 PM.

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If anyone has written comments but has not yet sent them.

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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

Uh we can provide the email address.

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Uh within the Microsoft Teams function.

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At this point we have no members of the public so I will dispense with going through how we would call on people.

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Uh in synopsis the proposed changes to rules 12 and 7 or to allow the state of Michigan to align with current national standards on labeling of nutrients and to streamline reporting requirements.

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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

At this point since we have just started and it is only 106. We will go into recess and return at 1:30 or whenever anyone from the public joins.

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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

Right well it is 135 so.

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To my camera back.

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Good afternoon again, it the time is 135. We have come out of recess and at this point we still have no members of the public here on the Microsoft Teams or having come to the building. We have gotten one at least one comment in writing through email. We will continue to wait and see if we receive any other comments through the end.

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Up tomorrow Wednesday, December 8th 5:00 PM.

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Uh thank you to all of you staff who attended today's public comment hearing.

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This is an important step in the regulatory process and the rule, making process to provide the opportunity for people to comment and in this case.

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Deacon, Brad (MDARD)

So we have not received not received any members of the public at today's meeting, but we will continue to see what comes in. In written format, so with that.

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Uh to the hearing is closed that area at the time is 136.