On-Farm Inspections: Grower Selection is no Longer Random

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has altered its approach to selecting farms for on-farm inspections under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). Previously, farms were chosen randomly, but now the selection is based on whether you have submitted your Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan (INMP) Summary.

These changes underscore the importance of staying compliant with reporting and environmental protection practices. We encourage you to review the "Requirements Checklist" on the KRWQC Member Portal (kingsriverwqc.org/account) and consult resources for guidance on well standards and proper chemical storage to avoid potential violations during inspections.

Priority Inspection Areas

- Farm Perimeter and Riparian Areas
- Groundwater Wells
- Reports & Documentation
- Actual or Potential Discharge Locations
- Management Practices
- Pesticide & Chemical Storage

Member Fees: A Commitment to Water Quality

Your Kings River Water Quality Coalition (KRWQC) member fees provide regulatory coverage under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). Essential coalition programs they fund include water quality monitoring, member reporting, and nitrate control program expenses, to name a few. Here's a breakdown of what your fees cover:

- **State Water Resources Control Board Fees:** Fund statewide regulatory activities.
- **Program Expenses:** Administrative and operational costs
- **Member Reporting/Compliance:** Assisting members with submitting reports including the member reporting portal, and outreach expenses.
- **Monitoring Program:** Surface water and groundwater sampling and monitoring to track water quality, monitor trends, and address any concerns.
- **Replacement Water:** Fill Station operations and maintenance expenses.
- **Nitrate Control Program:** Supports the regulatory requirement to provide a safe drinking water supply, balanced nitrate loadings, and long-term managed aquifer restoration.

We are committed to transparency, accountability, and proactive problem-solving—ensuring that every dollar is used for compliance with the ILRP. We work diligently on behalf of, and in collaboration with, our members to meet regulatory requirements. This partnership between growers and the Coalition represents a shared responsibility to protect water quality while maintaining productive agricultural operations.

For more detail on the fees breakdown, visit: kingsriverwqc.org/fees

Nitrogen Planning: Management Practices Evaluation Program

The Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) for the Southern San Joaquin Valley offers a comprehensive suite of online tools and resources designed to help you optimize nitrogen use. As a mandatory component of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, the MPEP's goal is to develop, implement, and evaluate locally relevant conservation strategies to achieve water quality protection goals. Utilizing these resources can potentially enhance your nitrogen efficiency and contribute to sustainable agriculture.

To access the MPEP's Resources for Nitrogen Management Planning, please visit https://agmpep.com and go to "NMP".

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2024-2025 Member Billing & Payment Reminder

Invoices for the July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 coverage period were mailed in July with a due date of October 15, 2024. A 15% late fee will be applied to any payments received after this date.

Payments can be made via check (please use the return envelope enclosed with your invoice or mail to P.O. Box 8259 Fresno, CA 93747) or credit card by logging into the member portal at kingsriverwqc.org/account under "Member Information".

Please review your invoice for updates to:
- Member Contact Information
- Owner/Operator Information
- Parcels
  - Additions (purchased, etc.)
  - Deletions (sold, etc.)
  - Modifications (Irrigated Acres, etc.)

Need to make a change?
Log into the Member Portal
www.kingsriverwqc.org/account to make changes and request an updated invoice.