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The Minnesota Well Owners Organization (MnWOO) is advocating a specific scope preparing a Drinking Water Safety Plan (DWSP) as the principal focus for the proposed Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for Nitrates in the Karst Region of Minnesota.

**A Drinking Water Safety Plan is a call to action based on informed decisions;** it is not just a study of what is known about karst, farm chemicals, or what will happen if we continue to neglect our sensitive groundwater in the karst region.

**A Drinking Water Safety Plan starts with considering safe water, a notion everyone understands,** and is not just a compilation of the complicated models that describe the unseen nature and hydro stratigraphy of fractured and dissolved karst aquifers.

**A Drinking Water Safety Plan accepts that everyone cares about sustaining safe drinking water** and is not a regulatory approach that is unpopular or divisive in the Karst Region.

**A Drinking Water Safety Plan is an action plan that coordinates and operationalizes private and public water management, governance and financial structures** and does not just rely on academic geologic, land use and farm practices assessment or an academic alternatives analysis.

**A Drinking Water Safety Plan connects risk with family health** and does not assume that everyone can make the link between source water protection and drinking water safety.

**A Drinking Water Safety Plan can engage everyone** and will not neglect or ignore those who have no interest in karst geology, hydrology, farming, land use or risk management.

**A Water Safety Plan works at any scale from the kitchen sink, to the feedlot or cornfield, to the aquifer and recharge area** and is not likely to be misunderstood by well owners and water system managers.