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I agree basically with the statements in the SAB report relative to drainage and drainage water management, but I was disappointed that they chose not to include a reference to my work which provides replicated data to support the benefits of drainage water management; namely 40 % reduction in annual flows from drains managed during the non-growing season, and a consequent 45% reduction in annual nitrate loads from corn-soybean production system.

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