

**61—17.34(654A,654B) Participation.** The mediator shall issue a mediation release unless the creditor, other party or DNR fails to participate in at least one mediation meeting. The mediator shall issue a mediation release if the borrower waives or fails to participate in at least one mediation meeting, if the farm resident waives or fails to participate in at least one mediation meeting, or if the affected landowner withdraws the request for mediation or fails to attend the mediation meeting without seeking an extension of time, regardless of participation by the creditor, other party, or the DNR. The creditor, farm borrower, other party or affected landowner may be represented by another person, if the person participates in mediation and has authority to discuss the issues. These rules shall not be construed to require the creditor, other party or the DNR to reach an agreement to receive a mediation release.