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Richard Hofer - NRCB Meeting Summary December 16, 2015

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Hello Richard,

It was a pleasure to finally meet you in person Wednesday. Thanks again for your hospitality. Kevin and I both left the meeting feeling positive about our discussion and what the process should look like going forward.

I'll do my best to capture what was discussed during our meeting. If I've left anything out, please feel free to contact me and I'll add it wherever appropriate. Once we have an accurate summary of our meeting, I'll upload it into our database for future reference.

- The NRCB has received written plans from both Nelson Feedlot and Hwy 52 Feeders.
 - o Nelson's has committed to upgrade their system. They would like to trench lines to the middle of pens to reduce having to drag hoses between pens. They also intend to purchase more end guns and permanently attach them to pens. Work will begin in May or June depending on weather conditions.
 - o Hwy 52 is satisfied that their system design is already sufficient. They will begin to document their sprinkling time in order to better manage and understand their system.
 - o There have been no major changes in terms of how the operators intend to manage their systems (ie sprinkling time of day, stocking density). The NRCB will be putting together a package of information for both operators outlining suggestions for dust control based on scientific studies.
 - o We will ask both operators to have their sprinkling systems pressure tested within one week of having access to irrigation water. Water is typically turned on May 15 every year.

- The NRCB will increase the monitoring of dust / air quality conditions originating from the two feedlots. Richard is encouraged to call Denny or Kevin if the conditions become very bad. We would like to be on-site in the early evening when the conditions are typically the worst.
 - o We will contact AB Health (Kristen Dykstra) to discuss this issue and how we might be able to coordinate our efforts. Being able to gather numeric data would greatly aid us in defining various dust/air quality conditions. I would like the NRCB, AB Health and Richard Hofer to meet before spring.

- The NRCB will be creating a sprinkling frequency / air quality log for both operators and Richard to fill out. We will review the logs frequently throughout the spring, summer and fall. Accurately recorded logs may help us

get to the root cause of severe dust events.

- o As the dust season begins, the NRCB will allow both operators to manage their sprinkler systems as they deem appropriate.
 - o If there are recurring dust issues, we will act by having them adjust their management practices (i.e. sprinkling time of day, increased pen scraping or stocking density). Operators will be compelled to adjust their management practices by following the NRCB's compliance strategy. This includes, but is not limited to, education and voluntary compliance, followed by verbal directive, written directive and enforcement order.
- The NRCB will ask both operators to produce their fly control plans. Both plans will be assessed in the same way that their dust control plans were assessed. I will be discussing this issue with both operators as well as Alberta Health.
- The NRCB received several pictures and videos of dust coming off of both Nelson and Highway 52 feedlots during the summer of 2014 and 2015. All pictures and videos were uploaded onto a shared NRCB drive. Links to the shared folder were sent to Walter and Kevin for review. Having received Richard's permission, I may also show the videos and pictures to the operators and Alberta Health.
- Lastly we discussed the option of applying to the Farmer's Advocate. They would establish a Practice Review Committee to look at whether or not the feedlots were operating their systems according to industry standards.
- o Both Richard or the operators have the option of applying if unhappy with the outcome.
 - o The NRCB will assist in the application to the Farmer's Advocate in any way we can.

I think that covers everything. Again, if there's anything I missed, please let me know and I'll add it.

Regards,

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