

October 4, 2018

Nelson Family Ranches Ltd.
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Attention: Shawn and Jeff Nelson

Dear Shawn and Jeff:

SUBJECT: NRCB Amendment of Nelson Family Ranches Development Permit 98-25

The Nelson Family Ranches operation, located at NE 7-6-19-W4M, was last permitted by the County of Warner under Development Permit 98-25 which was issued on October 20, 1998. The County of Warner permit was obtained for an "increase in intensive livestock operation from 3,000 to 7,000".

As the feedlot was operating above the AOPA threshold minimums prior to January 1, 2002 the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) considers the site to have a "deemed permit" under section 18.1(1) of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA). This letter is notice of my intention to amend Development Permit 98-25. This will be done by an Approval Officer Amendment under Section 23(1) of AOPA.

The purpose of the amendment is to:

1. Formalize the permitted animal numbers for the site. Development permit 98-25 states an increase from 3,000-7,000, but does not specify a beef animal category. We intend to amend the permit to clarify that the permitted livestock capacity of the CFO is 7,000 beef finishers.
2. Incorporate an NRCB approved dust control plan and the ability to revise that plan when required in writing.

The remaining terms and conditions in Development Permit 98-25 will also be carried forward.

Ordinarily we do not provide notice of an upcoming Approval Officer Amendment to neighbours. In this case, as a courtesy, I have copied this letter to the Hofer's.

Upon receipt of your amended permit, there will be an opportunity to request a review within 10 working days of the date you receive the written decision. This can be requested under Sections 13(1) & 15(1) of the AOPA Administrative Procedures Regulation.

If you have any questions about the Approval Officer Amendment process, please do not hesitate to contact myself or NRCB Inspector Denny Puszkars.

Regards,



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