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To whom it may concern,

My name is Stan Black owner of CJC Farms and I am on the adjacent section (NE18-40-4W5M) next to the Stant Enterprise feedlot. I have a small hobby farm operation with a herd of 50 cattle, 5 horses, 2 alpacas 2 cats and 1 dog. I would like to address my concerns of the impacts of feedlot operation and the environment issues on the surrounding farms & acreages around the feed lot especially my property. Since 2002 when the feedlot was established, the feedlot has not been in full operation for over 20 years; the feedlot has only been having less then approximately 500 to 1500 cattle on the feedlot. With the feedlot not being in full operation it has not been an issue until now that you would like to increase the feedlot to capacity of 5000 cattle. In 20 years, there have been many changes in ownership of the surrounding farms and acreages and having a feedlot in the surrounding area will have huge impact on the environment and the surrounding farm and acreages owners with the following issue that may occur:

1. One major concern is the water contamination from the urine and manure of the bulk amount of cattle. The runoff quality from the feedlot surface is important when adapting best management practices for minimizing environmental concerns, especially surface water and ground water pollution. The runoff can end up in surface water streams, which may be detrimental to aquatic life and may cause water quality problems for the surrounding farmers.
2. I feel that the facility is not operational to manage 5000 head of cattle with the proper number of constructed pens to maintain the welfare of animals.
3. There will be several issues with the pollution that the feedlot will create: noise, odour and air pollution of the 5000 head of cattle. The noise level will be high with 5000 cattle all day and night.
4. Dust and manure waste disposal can emit hundreds of gases, including hydrogen sulfide, which can cause eye, nose, and throat irritation, and ammonia, an irritant that, at high levels, can cause death. In fact, agricultural operations are the single largest source of toxic ammonia air pollution. Disposing "excessively heavy" manure applications on farmland close to large feedlots is pollution that can cause rising concern to a variety of health and growth problems for plants, animals, and humans in the surrounding area.
5. Runoff from a feedlot may transport large quantities of organic matter that will have impact on the surrounding land around.
6. The traffic increase that will be created at all hours of the day include nighttime from transporting the cattle from the cattle handlers. The creation of dust is another source of continuing complaints that will occur from traffic and the movement of the herd of cattle.

7. The unpleasant odours issue of the feedlots creates problems of air pollution, not including esthetic impacts, and with that amount of cattle will spread diseases from rodents and insects.
8. Another concern is managing the cattle in yard or enclosure area on the feedlot and not intruding on my property. Cattle stay in herds and if they get out of feedlot and among my herd then I have concerns about illness and diseases of feedlot cattle spreading quickly through the herd from my own cattle.
9. Wildlife in area will increase: coyotes, wolves, bears, cougars will be drawn to the feed lot because of live stock; you have dead stock.

With all of these concerns I feel that the feedlot would interfere with the use and enjoyment of a neighboring landowner's property or interfere with the health, safety, and welfare of others.

Feed lot operation will lower property value in surrounding areas. With the growing amount of acreages in the area it will affect the peaceful landscape and standard of living in the country.

Sincerely,

Stan Black

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