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Good afternoon Ms. Friend,

I write on behalf of the approval officer and NRCB Field Services in relation to the requests for review of the approval officer's decision in application LA20001 P&H Wessels Farms Ltd. I have already provided you with copies of the statements of concern submitted by each of the four applicants who have requested review. This will allow the Board to view the concerns of these applicants that were before the approval officer when he issued his decision on May 29th.

The approval officer does not make any substantive submission at this stage. However, the approval officer has reviewed, with grave concern, the offensive allegations contained in the Rippin-Vanden Dool request for review submitted on June 16th. These allegations call into question the professionalism of the approval officer and the integrity of the NRCB as a regulatory organization.

These allegations are particularly offensive given the long-standing professional relationship between Mr. Rippin and NRCB Field Services. I note that Stasha Donahue's statement of concern was copied in part to Mr. Rippin as an AHS public health inspector. However, it is the NRCB's understanding that Mr. Rippin was not actually the AHS public health inspector for this application.

It is impossible for the NRCB to ignore the disappointing and hurtful statements, made publicly by Mr. Rippin and Ms. Vanden Dool. If the Board determines that one or more of these allegations merits review in the context of application LA20001, the approval officer and NRCB Field Services will require an opportunity to assemble responsive evidence and submissions.

In our view, however, a Board review of an approval officer's permitting decision is not the proper mechanism by which to address these attacks. Rather, we prefer to address them in our ongoing work in stakeholder relationships.

I have BCCd this e-mail to the operator, Mr. Wessels, as well as to four of the five parties identified as directly affected in your June 22, 2020 letter (Jadon & Jana Sharratt; Stasha Donahue; Robert Rippin & Niesje Vanden Dool; and Wendy and John McKinnon). I am sending a PDFd-printed copy of this e-mail message, by regular mail, to the fifth party, Edith Evans.

Regards,

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