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Re: **Application LA20014**
Hutterian Brethren Church of Granum
SE 25-11-28 W4

To Whom This May Concern:

It is my belief that the proposed chicken barn would not be in the best interest of the community surrounding SE 25-11-28 W4. I have three concerns with the proposed application; they are our quality of living, our health and wellbeing, and water quality.

With the prevailing west winds known to this region, those of us living northeast of the chicken barn will certainly have our quality of living drastically impacted, especially when the barns are vented. It is a known fact the stench of chicken barns surpasses all other farm animals. On hot summer nights, with windows open to catch the night breeze will be next to impossible. I feel sorry for the neighbors living even closer to the barn. It is interesting that the residences and buildings of the proposed Meadow Creek Colony are to be built as far west on their property and upwind, even they do not want to live close to the barn.

This year has been much better than last year but water from their end gun is still being sprayed onto the road. Fortunately, for me, the end gun shut off just as I was approaching, while riding my bike. Last year it went across the road and into the opposite ditch. Those travelling along Range Road 274 need to be careful to not get wet or wait it out. If this were the only time, such flagrant disregard for neighbors, their livelihood and well-being, I would see it as perhaps an oversight. However, I have only lived here for a year and have personally witnessed three other similar incidents. Water was not only wasted but it became a hindrance to passersby. Furthermore, our hay was damaged after being doused with water from their end gun. While not programming the irrigation end guns may seem to be irrelevant to the proposed chicken barn, it does show the total disregard for environmental and safety protocols of those who will be operating that chicken barn.



The proposed site for manure disposal is only a short distance from both Meadow Creek and Willow Creek. There is a grade on the land sloping toward the creeks and it is on a flood plain. It is not if but when it floods, all the feces from the 20,000 chickens will contaminate the Meadow Creek and Willow Creek, as well as the surrounding area.

Please look beyond the parcel of land for the chicken barn and you will see the negative impact the barn will have on the surrounding area. It is my hope you will turn down the application for this chicken barn.

Submitted by,
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