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Dear Ms. Peddle,

Please accept my third letter, opposing the above application.

Today, I want to draw attention to the increased size of the manure pile storage with expansion to 16,500 head of cattle. The size of the present pile on site is pretty big already! I can hardly imagine how big that pile might actually be with the proposed expansion. In addition to the increased stench, there is much concern among neighbours and the public, about pollution of the ground aquifer, artesian layer and waters of Willow Creek. I will quote a text from a study done for us when we drilled our Commercial well, by Matrix Solutions/Calgary.

"Groundwater infiltrated on the upper flat plains most likely discharges in the creek via the shallow sandy and silty clay till. The water in the gravel is typically a calcium+sodium-bicarbonate type, with a total dissolved solids (TDS) content usually less than 500 mg/L (Tokarsky, 1974)"

Increased Fire Hazard is also a serious concern for many who live close in. The area of Willow Creek is heavily wooded and difficult for the firefighters to navigate as we have found from experience. In the last few years, there have been horrific wild fires that caused evacuations and were difficult to bring under control due to 100 km/hour winds fanning the blaze. One of those fires started in a feedlot. The other, was a downed power pole in the middle of the night. My Son and his family were asleep and would have lost their lives had not the fire turned in upon itself, meters from their home. Yes, it was very scary for many neighbours too. This terrifying memory is very recent and for good reason, the people of the area are very concerned about anything which would increase risk of fire.

Please consider the long-term environmental and economic needs of the residents within this densely populated area, not just the short-term interests of agribusiness.

Thank you.

Bernadette McNab  
recipient of notification letter  
owner, NE 23-9-26-W4M & adjacent ranchlands  
resident of Fort Macleod  
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