

NO 1 - REQUEST FOR REVIEW: RA24030 / Ference Land and Cattle Corp.

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Deadline for RFRs:	September 27, 2024
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Status of Party as per Decision Summary:	Directly Affected Party

Note from Laura Friend:

I can confirm that in response to my inquiry, Mr. Clark confirmed his intention was to file an RFR.

From: [REDACTED]
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Alberta Environment,

Video footage, water samples, and soil samples have been sent to Special Areas, NRCB and Alberta Environment regarding excessive manure contamination into neighboring wetland from the Ference Land and Cattle operation **numerous** times.

After a recent rainfall on September 13, the manure run off continued into the wetland on my property. Special Areas and Alberta Environment were contacted and video footage was sent. Special Areas drove out to the contamination site and followed up immediately stating they would cap the culvert on the Ference Land and Cattle side as a temporary intervention to the contamination.

Special Areas, the governing body of the area, has intervened by capping the culvert on Double F's side to stop the contamination. I have capped both culverts on my side.

The NRCB and Alberta Environment continue to overlook the wetland contamination. The excuse has been that the manure is not from the feed lot but from the cow calf operation. However, the NRCB clearly states "areas used for cow-calf feeding must not pose a risk to surface water or groundwater quality".

The culvert capping is a temporary solution. The contamination remains to be cleaned up.

Kevin Clark

NRCB provisions for confined feeding of

cow-calf herds during dry conditions

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The NRCB recognizes that due to the current very dry conditions and poor grass pastures, summer feeding of cow-calf herds may be required. While this may be considered a confined feeding operation that requires a permit under normal conditions, due to the extenuating circumstances, the NRCB will not require producers to obtain permits, provided the following parameters are met:

- manure must be managed according to *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* requirements,
- areas used for cow-calf feeding must not pose a risk to surface water or groundwater quality,
- the cow-calf herd returns to grazing when grass is available in 2024, and
- the feeding area returns to its normal use.

If operators have any questions about confined feeding of the cow-calf herds during the grazing season due to drought conditions, contact Kevin Seward, NRCB Manager of Compliance at 403-331-0637.