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The NRCB has received a very high number of complaints regarding odours in High River with the recent heat wave. In response, the NRCB has increased inspections of the Rimrock feedlot, by conducting several days of 24-hour in-person monitoring of the odours in the town of High River and is looking for ways that Rimrock Feeders can alter their management practices. In the coming weeks, the NRCB will work with Rimrock to develop a plan to reduce the levels of their catch basins, which are higher than normal after the spring rains.

The NRCB has been focusing efforts recently in getting the continuous air quality analyzers calibrated at the manufacturer to provide defensible data in our next step of the process. The NRCB will be evaluating emissions from specific odour sources at the feedlot to help inform evidence-based decisions about management practices.

The NRCB also continues to work closely with Alberta Health Services to share air monitoring information regularly, as well as with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation.

Rimrock/Tidewater Renewables

The NRCB has no regulatory authority over the approved biodigester facility. Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) issued an approval for the biodigester facility on December 11, 2023. Any questions on the EPA regulatory process or the status of that approval should be directed to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.