

November 29, 2024

Sent by email

Van Aken Farms Ltd.
c/o Martin Van Aken
RR 3
Ponoka, AB T4J 1R3

Dear Martin:

**Re: Application RA24018 – Notice of Decision
Hendrik and Jenneke Van Aken and Martin Van Aken (Van Aken Farms Ltd.)
NE 19-42-26 W4M**

Please be advised that Application RA24018, an approval to change livestock category from dairy to beef finishers and expand an existing confined feeding operation, has been approved.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the decision with respect to the application. In accordance with the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA)*, copies of the decision are being provided to all directly affected parties and to all parties determined not directly affected that provided written input to the Natural Resources Conservation Board. Also enclosed is the detailed technical review of the application.

All directly affected parties, which includes you and Ponoka County, have the right under AOPA to request that the Natural Resources Conservation Board (the Board) review this decision. A written request must contain:

- a) a clear and concise statement of the facts relevant to the application
- b) the grounds on which the request for review is made
- c) a brief explanation as to the nature of the prejudice or damage that has resulted or will result from the order, decision or direction
- d) a brief description of the remedy sought
- e) your name, address, telephone number and, if available, e-mail address
- f) if you have a representative, the representative's name, address, telephone number and, if available, e-mail address

Standard forms for requesting a Board review are available on the NRCB [website](#) or by contacting Laura Friend, Manager of Board Reviews at 403-297-8269 or by email at laura.friend@nrcb.ca.

The request for Board review (RFR) must be received no later than 4:30 pm on the filing deadline of December 20, 2024.

For more information regarding the Board's review process, you are encouraged to contact Laura Friend at 403-297-8269 or by email to laura.friend@nrcb.ca. A fact sheet on the Board's review process is also available on the NRCB [website](#).

Yours truly,
(Original signed)
Lynn Stone
Approval Officer

Cc: Robin Dubitz, Development Officer, Ponoka County (*sent by email*)
Encl. Permit, Decision Summary, Technical Document, Monitoring Statements