

April 12, 2023

To: Landowner or Resident

**Re: Application LA23009 – Courtesy Letter
Hutterian Brethren Church of Thompson
SE 34, N½ 34, NW 26, and NE 27-005-27 W4M**

The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) has received an application from Hutterian Brethren Church of Thompson to expand a confined feeding operation (CFO) at SE 34, N½ 34, NW 26, and NE 27-005-27 W4M. The application is to construct additional feedlot pens (147 m x 366 m), a catch basin (122 m x 24 m x 3.1 m), and expand the existing feedlot to a total of 15,500. Under the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA), the NRCB is responsible for regulating CFOs in Alberta.

The NRCB will conduct a detailed technical review of the expansion application to ensure it meets the requirements of the act and regulations.

This letter is being sent to all persons who own or reside on land within three miles of the CFO as identified by the MD of Willow Creek, Cardston County and the MD of Pincher Creek. Under AOPA, an "affected party" is entitled to receive notice of the application. The location of your land or residence is within the "affected party" distance from the CFO, as set out by the act.

The application is available for viewing online at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Public Notice of Applications) or at the Lethbridge office of the NRCB during regular business hours. **The official notice of the application will be published in the April 19, 2023 issue of the Macleod Gazette and Pincher Creek Echo.**

If you would like to submit a statement that expresses your concern or support for the application under AOPA, please send it to my attention at the address on this letter, or by email at carina.weisbach@nrcb.ca. Your submission must be received in writing (by mail or email) on or before 4:30 pm on **May 17, 2023**. Your submission must include:

- your name,
- the legal land description of the land you reside on and/or own,
- your contact information: mailing address; phone number; and email address, and,
- an explanation of your support or concern (including any supporting documents).

All submissions are considered public documents and may be posted on the NRCB's public website. A copy will be given to the applicant. If your statement includes concerns that do not fall under the authority of the NRCB, it may be forwarded to other agencies. If you would like all or part of your submission to be considered confidential, please identify in your statement the part(s) that should be confidential and why.

Parties who provide submissions will receive a copy of the decision and may have an opportunity to request a board review of the decision should they disagree with all, or portions of it.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 403-381-5422 or by email at carina.weisbach@nrcb.ca.

Yours truly,



Carina Weisbach
Approval Officer