

Decision Summary BA17010A

This document summarizes my reasons for issuing Authorization BA17010A, an amended version of Authorization BA17010A. This amended authorization is issued on my own motion, under section 23 of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA). My decision is based on the act and its regulations, the policies of the NRCB, and the information contained in the permit file.

1. Background and Reasons for the Amendment

Grosman Dairy Farm Ltd. owns and operates an existing dairy confined feeding operation (CFO) on NE 12-60-6 W5M. The site is located approximately nine kilometres northwest of Campsie, Alberta, in the County of Barrhead, Alberta.

The CFO was originally permitted by the County of Barrhead on May 8, 1997, under development permit # 21-97. This permit allowed the construction and operation of a dairy CFO with 180 milking cows. No official grandfathering has been completed for this site.

The NRCB has issued the CFO one permit since AOPA came into effect: Authorization BA17010, issued April 9, 2018. Authorization BA17010 permitted a multi-use barn (97.5 m x 24 m), an addition to the young stock barn (30 m x 21.3 m), and two solid manure storage pads (15 m x 5 m) and (10 m x 20 m).

Condition 1 of Authorization BA17010 required Grosman Dairy to construct the solid manure storage pads by December 1, 2019, “unless otherwise agreed upon by the NRCB.” An extension to complete this was granted until December 1, 2020. (The “flexible” extension provision of condition 2 allowed the NRCB to grant the extension without having to amend the permit condition.)

To date, Grosman Dairy has not constructed one of the solid manure storage pads (10 m x 20 m). In discussion with the operator they still intend to build this facility. In addition they are wanting to construct a new calf shelter. Grosman Dairy has applied for Authorization BA20013 to construct a new calf shelter and for permission to complete construction of the remaining solid manure storage pad. For simplicity sake I believe that it is better to have only one active permit for this construction. Therefore I am permitting the construction of the previously permitted solid manure storage pad (10 m x 20 m), in Authorization BA20013 and will be cancelling it out of Authorization BA17010 in this Amendment.

I am therefore amending Authorization BA17010 on my own motion under section 23 of AOPA, to exclude the solid manure storage pad (10 m x 20 m) that has not yet been constructed from the list of CFO facilities permitted to be constructed in this permit.

2. Terms and Conditions

No changes to the terms and conditions have been made to the permit, except for the removal of those terms and conditions which apply to the manure storage pad which will no longer be allowed under this permit.

3. Conclusion

Authorization BA17010A is issued for the reasons provided above.

Authorization BA17010 is therefore cancelled, unless Authorization BA17010A is held invalid following a review and decision by the NRCB's board members or by a court, in which case Authorization BA17010 will remain in effect.

October 6, 2020

(Original signed)

Nathan Shirley
Approval Officer