

## **Decision Summary RA18071A**

### **Approval Officer Amendment of NRCB Authorization RA18071**

This document summarizes my reasons for issuing Authorization RA18071A, an approval officer amended version of Authorization RA18071. The amended authorization is issued 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 all other materials in the application file.

Authorization RA18071A and this decision summary are available from the decisions search engine on the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) website at [www.nrcb.ca](http://www.nrcb.ca).

#### **1. Background and reasons for the amendment**

Laurens van der Rijt owns and operates van der Rijt Poultry Farms Ltd., a poultry confined feeding operation (CFO) at NW 6-34-28 W4M in Red Deer County, roughly six kilometers southeast of Bowden, Alberta.

Authorization RA18071, issued December 20, 2018, permitted the construction of a new manure storage pad (24.4 m x 45.7 m) and the expansion of an existing manure storage pad (by 62 m x 18 m to 62 m x 34 m).

On July 3, 2019, I inspected the CFO and noted that the conditions related to the expanded manure storage pad were met. The as-built dimensions of the expanded manure storage pad are approximately 33 m x 62 m.

On September 24, 2021, Laurens and Natasja van der Rijt indicated that they no longer intend to construct the new manure storage pad.

Based on the above, I am amending Authorization RA18071 on my own motion under section 23 of AOPA. The amendment will reflect what has been constructed from Authorization RA18071 and remove the previously permitted new manure storage pad (that hasn't been constructed). This amendment to Authorization RA18071 does not affect the CFO's other existing permits.

#### **2. Other factors considered**

The application for Authorization RA18071 was consistent with the land use provisions of Red Deer County's municipal development plan (MDP). This approval officer amendment does not impact the MDP consistency determination in Decision Summary RA18071. The MDP consistency determination in Decision Summary RA18071 applies equally to this amendment. (See Appendix A to Decision Summary RA18071 for a discussion of the county's then existing municipal development plan.)

### **3. Terms and conditions**

For clarity and efficiency, and in accordance with NRCB policy, I have consolidated the requirements and conditions from Authorization RA18071 into the new Authorization RA18071A. Consolidating permits generally involves carrying forward all non-redundant terms and conditions from the prior permit into the new permit, and then cancelling the prior permit.

Therefore, Authorization RA18071A contains all of the relevant terms and conditions from Authorization RA18071, except for those that are already met and those which are no longer required. The conditions from Authorization RA18071 which are already met will be carried forward but are identified in the Appendix to Authorization RA18071A. The conditions related to the new manure storage pad that will no longer be constructed will be deleted.

### **4. Conclusion**

Authorization RA18071A is issued for the reasons provided above.

Authorization RA18071 is therefore cancelled, unless Authorization RA18071A is held invalid following a review and decision by the NRCB's board members or by a court, in which case Authorization RA18071 will remain in effect.

October 18, 2021

(Original Signed)  
Jeff Froese  
Approval Officer