



Decision Summary for an Approval Officer Amendment – Amended Approval LA22031A

On August 29, 2022, the NRCB issued Approval LA22031 to Van Driel Farms Ltd. Approval LA22031 allows the construction of feedlot pens (109 m x 27 m) and a catch basin (30 m x 20 m x 4 m deep). It also allowed to expansion from 4,000 feeder calves and 50 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements) to 5,000 feeder calves.

In Approval LA22031 the list of permitted animals on site currently includes 50 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements). Also, under part 10 of Decision Summary LA22031, the first sentence indicates inclusion of 50 milking cows. However, as explained in Technical Document and in other parts of Decision Summary LA22031 (e.g. part 1. on page 1), in August 2022 Van Driel proposed to eliminate the 50 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements) from his permitted animal numbers. Therefore, the inclusion of milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements) as permitted animals at this CFO was a clerical oversight due to the last-minute application amendment to remove those livestock from the permit. The permitted animal capacity should state 5,000 feeder calves only.

To remedy this error, I am amending Approval LA22031 on my own motion, under section 23 of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA). NRCB Operational Policy 2016-2: Approval Officer Amendments Under Section 23 of AOPA (updated February 2, 2021), part 2, allows amendments under section 23 when the nature of the amendment is not substantive and does not require advance notice to neighbours,

Rather than issue a separate amendment document, I am issuing a new amended Approval LA22031A and cancelling Approval LA22031. The amended approval will have the same terms and conditions as Approval LA22031, except the corrected permitted animals at this CFO. The contents of Technical Document LA22031 and Decision Summary LA22031 (other than the sentence at part 10) continue to support Approval LA22031A.

Approval LA22031A is issued for the reasons provided above and becomes effective immediately. Approval LA22031 is therefore cancelled.

September 20, 2022

(original signed)
Carina Weisbach
Approval Officer