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RE: Response to NRCB Directive #CD25-04 on January 20, 2025

Southeast Catch Basin Clean-out and Management Plan:

Cell 1:

- Empty and clean-out all solids from cell 1 of the SE Catch Basin. Heavy equipment operators will be hired to clean out the solids.
- Mobile irrigation unit will be used moving forward that will allow us to maintain a minimal level of liquid in cell 1 and empty it semi-annually.
- Work with NRCB on wind barrier upwind of cell 1

Cell 2:

- Dig a pit to place a sump pump to drain all water from cell 2. This pit will be utilized for clean-out and on-going management.
- Seed cell 2 to forage as soon as dry enough to do so.
- Upgrade the head gate between cell 1 and 2 to limit the use of cell 2 unless environmental conditions necessitate the need to release liquid from cell 1 into cell 2.
 - Notify NRCB when cell 2 is used.
 - o In the event cell 2 is used, a standby pump (placed in the pit as mentioned in bullet one) will be used to empty cell 2 as weather permits.

Swales:

Semi-annual cleaning of swales

Irrigation/spreading on nearby land for Cell 1, 2 and Swales:

All cell 1, 2 and swale contents as part of clean-out and on-going management will be irrigated/spread on surrounding grasslands and cultivated acres. See google map attached.

Farthest East Row of Feedlot Pens;

During the months of June, July and August we will cease manure stockpiling along the farthest east row that are permitted for pens but currently are not being used to house cattle. In the event we build pens in this permitted area to house cattle this will no longer apply.

Work with NRCB to find other suitable land locations for manure stockpiling.

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Timeline:

Cell 1 clean-out - will be completed by May 15, 2025, weather permitting.

- It is difficult to operate heavy equipment in this cell 1 catch basin. We need to make sure the weather freezes the ground enough to clean out this catch basin. After speaking with 3rd party contractor to perform the work we feel confident we can clean it out over the winter.
- Pictures will be sent to NRCB once empty.
- If we run into issues and can't meet the deadline we will notify NRCB requesting an extension.

Cell 2 clean-out - will be completed by September 1, 2025, weather permitting.

- We will empty cell 2 over the winter/spring.
- Depending on how wet the spring is, we will try to seed cell 2 this spring/summer. However, we may need all summer to dry it out in order to seed. As such, we are requesting a September 1st deadline for cell 2 for this reason.
- If we run into issues and can't meet the deadline we will notify NRCB requesting for an extension.

Google Maps – grassland and cultivated acres as shown on google maps below surrounding Rimrock Cattle to spread/irrigate contents from SE catch basin cell 1, 2 and swales feeding into the catch basin.

