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NRCB USE ONLY	Application number	Legal land description
Approval Registration Authorization	RA24045	NW 18-38-19 W4M
Amendment		

#### APPLICATION DISCLOSURE

This information is collected under the authority of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA), and is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. This information is public unless the NRCB grants a written request that certain sections remain private.

#### Any construction prior to obtaining an NRCB permit is an offence and is subject to enforcement action, including prosecution.

I, the applicant, or applicant's agent, have read and understand the statements above, and I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Date of signing	
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Signature Gente Schrijver Print name

Corporate name (if applicable)

### GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposed facilities: list all proposed confined feeding operation facilities and their dimensions. Indicate whether any of the proposed facilities are additions to existing facilities. (attach additional pages if needed)

Proposed facilities	Dimensions (m) (length, width, and depth)		
Doirybern Freestall addition	144 XZZ		
Parlour building (includes calf	7266 x ZU		
Sond separation building	15 × 15		
AO Note: Applicant also proposing new earthen manure storage facility	167 m x 55 m x 3.5 m dee		

AO Note: Applicant is also proposing pits in the parlour building and sand separation building

Existing facilities: list ALL existing confined feeding operation facilities and their dimensions

Existing facilities	Dimensions (m) (length, width, and depth)	NRCB USE ONLY
dry low born	54×23	
NRCB USE ONLY	X ZO	

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Existing facilities continued	Dimensions (m) (length, width, and depth)	NRCB USE ONLY
youna stock	50× 15	
yound stock	45×15	
1 Call Barn	40×15	
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		Martin Martin
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NO	
O Note: The applicant constructed	is proposing to decommission the existing EMS, after the new o
struction completion date for tional information	proposed facilities end of 2027
f permit	s will be done in Time
anstruction	2 will start para 2026

Livestock numbers: Complete only if livestock numbers are different from what was identified in the Part 1 application. Note: if livestock numbers increase in your Part 2 application, a new Part 1 application must be submitted which may result in a loss of priority for minimum distance separation (MDS).

Livestock category and type (Available in the Schedule 2 of the Part 2 Matters Regulation)	Permitted number	Proposed increase or decrease in number (if applicable)	Total
From Part 1:			
Milking cows plus associated dries and replacements	200	200	400

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# DECLARATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPLICANT CONCERNING WATER ACT LICENCE

issued by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) for a confined feeding operation (CFO) Date and sign one of the following four options

# OPTION 1: Applying through the NRCB for both the AOPA permit and the Water Act licence

I DO want my water licence application coupled to my AOPA permit application.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Applicant or Agent

# **OPTION 2: Processing the AOPA permit and Water Act licence separately**

- 1. I (we) acknowledge that the CFO will need a new water licence from EPA under the *Water Act* for the development or activity proposed in this AOPA application.
- I (we) request that the NRCB process the AOPA application independently of EPA's processing of the CFO's application for a water licence.
- In making this request, I (we) recognize that, if this AOPA application is granted by the NRCB, the NRCB's decision will not be considered by EPA as improving or enhancing the CFO's eligibility for a water licence under the Water Act.
- 4. I (we) acknowledge that any construction or actions to populate the CFO with livestock pursuant to an AOPA permit in the absence of a Water Act licence will <u>not</u> be relevant to EPA's consideration of whether to grant the Water Act licence application.
- 5. I (we) acknowledge that any such construction or livestock populating will be at the CFO's sole risk if the *Water Act* licence application is denied or if the operation of the CFO is otherwise deemed to be in violation of the *Water Act*. This risk includes being required to depopulate the CFO and/or to cease further construction, or to remove "works" or "undertakings" (as defined in the *Water Act*).
- AS RELEVANT: I (we) acknowledge that the CFO is located in the South Saskatchewan River Basin and that, pursuant to the Bow, Oldman and South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Allocation Order [Alta. Reg. 171/2007], this basin is currently closed to new surface water allocations.

7. Provide: Water licence application	number(s) DA	JPP OLA	815
Signed this 20 day of febr.	, 20 25	-	
		inati	ure of Applicant or Agent

#### **OPTION 3: Additional water licence not required**

- 1. I (we) declare that the CFO will not need a new licence from EPA under the *Water Act* for the development or activity proposed in this AOPA application.
- Provide: Water license number(s) or water conveyance agreement details \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

Signature of Applicant or Agent

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#### **GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

(complete this section for the worst case of the existing facility which is the closest to water bodies or water wells and for each of the proposed facilities) Facility description / name (as indicated on site plan)

Existing:

Proposed 1: \_ AO Note: New dairy barn

Proposed 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Pro	posed	2:
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Facility and environmental risk information		1.0	Faci	lities		NRCB USE ONLY	
		Existing	Proposed 1	Proposed 2	Proposed 3	Meets	Comments
Flood plain information	What is the elevation of the floor of the lowest manure storage or collection facility above the 1:25 year flood plain or the highest known flood level?	⊠d >1 m □ ≤ 1 m	128->1 m □ ≤ 1 m	Entrin >1 m □ ≤ 1 m	□ > 1 m □ ≤ 1 m	YES NO YES with exemption	
Ja e	How many springs are within 100 m of the manure storage facility or manure collection area?	0	0	0		YES NO	
urface wa nformatio	How many water wells are within 100 m of the manure storage facility or manure collection area?	1	0	0		YES NO	
<i>й</i> -	What is the shortest distance from the manure collection or storage facility to a surface water body? (e.g., lake, creek, slough, seasonal)	685	685			YES NO	
dwater nation	What is the depth to the water table?		8m			YES NO	
Grour	What is the depth to the groundwater resource/aquifer you draw water from?		lbm			YES NO	

Additional information (attach supporting information, e.g. borehole logs, records, etc. you consider relevant to your application)



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# DISTANCE OF ANY MANURE STORAGE FACILITY (EXISTING OR PROPOSED) TO NEIGHBOURING RESIDENCES

					NRCB USE ON	LY	
Neighbour name(s)	Legal land description	Distance (m)	Zoning (LUB) category	Zoning MDS (LUB) category category (1-4)	Distance (m)	Waiver attached (if required)	Meets regulations
nemetz	50103810	570					
Unruh	5E 13 3020	460					
Dolgemuth	56 13 38 20	1300					

# LAND BASE FOR MANURE AND COMPOST APPLICATION (complete only if an increase in livestock or manure production will occur)

				NRCB US	SE ONLY
Name of land owner(s)*	Legal land description	Usable area** (ha)	Soil zone ***	Usable area (ha)	Agreement attached (if required)
NW/NE 12 38 10	Mars dairy	70	black		
NW2/NE 133820	Gert/Sonia Schrijser	70	black		
5W 24 38 20	> mars dairy	35	black		
NE 24 38 20	bert/sonja Schnijve	60	black		
SW/SE 2538 20	maradaira	50	black		
Nw/5W 26-38-10	marsdairy	120	black Total		

\* If you are not the registered landowner, you must attach copies of land use agreements signed by all landowners.

\*\* Available manure spreading area (excluding setback areas from residences, common bodies of water, water wells, etc. as identified in Agdex 096-5 Manure Spreading Regulations)

\*\*\* Brown, dark brown, black, grey wooded, or irrigated

Additional information (attach any additional information as required)

Applicant information	NRCB application number: RA	24045
Operator/operation name:	ert Schrijver	1093
Address	Postal Code	e:

Legal land location of confined feeding operation:

I have requested the residence owner(s) named below to waive the required minimum distance separation (MDS) to their residence for the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) permit application identified above. In making this request, I have provided the owner(s) with an opportunity to review my permit application and a copy of the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) Fact Sheet "Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Waivers" available on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca. I have also explained:

- The MDS requirement set out in section 3 of the Standards and Administration Regulation of AOPA. I
  have advised the owner(s) that section 3(6)(a) of the Standards and Administration Regulation allows
  this requirement to be waived by the owners of residences, if they agree in writing to grant a waiver;
- That my proposed development does not meet the required MDS to the owner's residence; and,
- That this waiver applies only to this application as described. An increase in livestock capacity, annual
  manure production, level of odour production, change to the site plan or change to a facility that would
  increase the MDS would require a new waiver.

Following is a summary of the proposed development:

 The current scope of my confined feeding operation (CFO), including the type, number, and category of livestock, if any, is:

 My application for a new AOPA permit proposes the following changes to the existing livestock category, type and/or capacity at my CFO:

 The proposed new CFO facility(ies), or changes to the existing CFO facilities, including manure storage, manure storage yolume and any other pertinent details, if any, are (attach a site layout plan if available):

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I the applicant understand that the waiver is not valid unless ALL registered owners of the residence sign this document.

Permit Applicant:	Date: 1665 25 2025
Signature	
Residence owner(s) to initial: $\underline{SRW}$	BFW

Residence owner(s) information

ALL Names on land title: Bra	d K Wohlgemuth	
Beverly F WC	phlgemuth	
Legal land location of residence(s):	4/20/38/13/SE/6759KS/B	
Telephone number(s) <sup>1</sup>	Email address(es) <sup>1</sup> :	
Address(es) <sup>1</sup> and Postal code(s) <sup>1</sup> :		

<sup>1</sup> Please note that personal contact information is for NRCB use ONLY and not publicly released

I am/we are the legal landowner(s) of a residence(s) located at the above noted legal land location/address:

- I/we have read the NRCB Fact Sheet "Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Waivers";
- I/we have discussed this application with the applicant and understand its potential impacts to our residence(s);
- I/we understand that the application does not meet the MDS requirement to my/our residence(s), under the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA);
- I/we understand that this waiver is not valid unless signed by ALL parties identified on the land title as owners;
- I/we are not obligated to waive the MDS requirement to our residence(s);
- I/we understand that if I/we choose to waive the MDS requirement, I/we can revoke the waiver, by
  providing written notice to the NRCB approval officer, as set out in the "Minimum Distance Separation
  (MDS) Waivers" Fact Sheet; and
- I/we understand that this waiver is a public document.

Having considered my/our rights, I/we hereby waive the MDS requirement to my/our residence, with respect to

Application number Signatures of all residence owner(s) on Beverly F Wohlgemuth Brod K Wohlgemuth Printed names of all residence owner(s) on title Date: Feb 25 2025

Tim unruh

Applicant information	NRCB application number: RAZ404,5
Operator/operation name:	Fert Schrijver Mars dair
Address:	<u>Steffler</u> Postal Code:
Legal land location of confined	feeding operation: NW (8 3810 Wy

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I the applicant understand that the waiver is not valid unless ALL registered owners of the residence sign this document.

Permit Applicant:	Date: _	febr	25	2025
Signature	DIA			
Residence owner(s) to initial:	KU	and and the		

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Tim Unruh

Residence owner(s) information

ALL Names on land title: TIM + RITA UNRUH

Legal land location of residence(s): 3	8228 HIMPY 56	
Telephone number(s)1:	Email address(es)1:	
Address(es) <sup>1</sup> and Postal code(s) <sup>1</sup> :		

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24045 Application number

Signatures of all residence owner(s) on the

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Date: MARCH

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Title: Borehole Locations Site and Soil Assessment Proposed Earthen Manure Storage Lagoon Expansion NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-18-038-19-W4M County of Stettler No. 6, Alberta

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# LIQUID MANURE COLLECTION AND/OR STORAGE: In-barn - Concrete liner

(complete a copy of this section for EACH proposed in-barn liquid manure storage facility with a concrete liner)

Facility description / name (as indicated on site plan)

1. including calf room, and 2 pits OU 2.

(and 2 pits)

Manure storage capacity (use one row in the table for EACH in-barn storage. Attach additional pages if you require more rows)

	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total depth (m)	Depth below ground level (m)	NRCB USE ONLY Calculated storage capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )
1.	144	23		/	
2.	12 66	24		/	
3.	15	15			

Parlour will include pits 65 m x 4.5 m x 2.5 m deep, and 65 m x 3 m x 2.5 m deep CAPACITY Sand separator will include 2 pits, each 6 m x 4.5 m x 3 m deep

	Concrete thickness	Mothod of ended of a
Scrape alleys or unslatted portions of barn floors (if applicable)	binch	TYPE 50
	Concrete strength 30 Mpa	Concrete reinforcement size and spacing
	Concrete thickness	Method of sulphate protection
In-barn manure pit	6 inch	Type 50
floors	Concrete strength	Concrete reinforcement size and spacing
	35 mpt	lomm every 12 inch
	Concrete thickness	Method of sulphate protection
In-barn manure pit	6 inch	Type 50
walls	Concrete strength H	rizontal reinforcement size Vertical reinforcement size and spacing
	35mpA	ever 12 inch every 12 inch

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# LIQUID MANURE COLLECTION AND/OR STORAGE: In-barn - Concrete liner (cont.)

Describe how the joints at the junction of the pit walls, pit floors and any other joints will be sealed

Bentonite

Describe sealing practices for piping, etc. that penetrates the liner

Bentonite

Concrete requirements can be found in Technical Guideline Agdex 096-93 Guideline minimums:	NRCB USE ONLY	
Solid manure: (wet): 30MPa (C) Liquid manure: 32MPa (B)	Requirements met:	VES NO
Category A is required to be engineered Method of sulphate protection: Type 50 or Type 10 with fly ash or equivalent	Condition required:	YES NO
Additional information		

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Liquid manure storage volume calculator attached:	YES NO		
Depth to water table:		Requirements met:	
Depth to uppermost groundwater resource:		Requirements met:	
ERST completed: See ERST page for details			
Concrete liner requirements			and backlasses
Leakage detection system required:		If yes, please explain why	m settinger

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# LIQUID MANURE STORAGE: Earthen manure storage (EMS): Compacted soil liner

(complete a copy of this section for EACH proposed earthen liquid manure storage facility with a compacted soil liner)

Facility description / name (as indicated on site plan)

ac 00 1.

Manure storage capacity (complete a separate row of this table for each cell of the EMS)

	10000			Slope run:rise			NRCB USE ONLY		
	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total depth (m)	Depth below ground level (m)	Inside end walls	Inside side walls	Outside walls	Calculated storage capacity (excl. 0.5 m freeboard) (m <sup>3</sup> )	Filled in lower 1/4? Y/N
1.	167	55	3,5	2	3.1	3.1	4.1		-
2.	/								

TOTAL CAPACITY

#### Surface water control systems

Describe the run-on and runoff control system

le's above grade

Sealing

Describe sealing practices for piping, etc. that penetrates the liner

Sentony

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Requirements met: YES NO

Liner protection

Describe how the inside walls, bottom and outside walls are protected from erosion tel

ter

Describe how the physical integrity of the liner will be maintained from other damage

protection liner 1 0.

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#### LIQUID MANURE STORAGE: Earthen manure storage (EMS): Compacted soil liner (cont.)

Thickness of compacted I	iner	Provide compacted liner details (as required)				
	(m)	As per Site and Soil Assessment (Env	virowest, 2025)			
Soil texture	% sand	26.8-28.8 % silt	30.3-32.7% clay			
Atterberg limits	Plastic limit 14.52	Liquid limit 45.98	Plasticity index 31.46			
	Hydraulic conductivity (cm/ 2.15 x 10 <sup>^</sup> -8	(s)				
Hydraulic conductivity	Describe test standard uses	4				
	Flexible Wall Permaamet	ASTM D5084 10)				
	The shore wait I entreathed	er (ASTM D3064-10)				
a the second	in the second					
Additional information	(attach copies of soil test rep	orts) NRCB USE ONLY	E. C. Martin Street			
		Requirement	s met: YES NO			
		Condition rec	quired: YES NO			
		Report attack	hed: YES NO			
NRCB USE ONLY						
Liquid manure storage vo	lume calculator attached:	YES LI NO				
Depth to water table:		Requirements met:	YES NO			
Depth to uppermost grou	ndwater resource:	Requirements met:	YES NO			
ERST completed: See	ERST page for details					
Surface water control s	ystems					
Requirements met:	YES NO Details/con	nments:				

**Compacted soil liner details** 

Liner specification comments (e.g. compaction, moisture content, thickness):

Leakage detection system required:

YES NO

If yes, please explain why.

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# SITE AND SOIL ASSESSMENT

Proposed Earthen Manure Storage Lagoon Expansion NW¼-18-038-19-W4M

County of Stettler No. 6, Alberta



Site and Soil Assessment Proposed Earthen Manure Storage Lagoon Expansion NW<sup>1</sup>/4-18-038-19-W4M County of Stettler No. 6, Alberta

> Prepared For: Gert Schrijver Mars Dairy Ltd.

Delivered via Email: gert.schrijver@xplornet.ca

## Prepared By: Envirowest Engineering Box 4248, Ponoka, AB, T4J 1R6 (403) 783-8229

Report Date: March 3, 2025

Project Number: 2412-42124

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### 1.0 Introduction and Scope of Work

Envirowest Engineering (Envirowest) was retained by Gert Schrijver of Mars Dairy Ltd. to conduct a Site and Soil Assessment for the proposed construction of an earthen manure storage (EMS) lagoon expansion.

The assessment was completed to determine conditions beneath the construction area and assess soil properties for construction of the expansion. The operation, herein referred to as "the Site," is located on NW-18-038-19-W4M in County of Stettler No. 6.

The assessment has been completed in accordance with the standards and regulations associated with the amended Agricultural Operation Practices Act and associated regulations which govern all new and modified confined feeding operations.

### **Scope of Work**

Three investigative boreholes were drilled using a truck-mounted rotary auger and completed to a maximum depth of 9.0 m below ground surface (mbgs) on December 9, 2024. The boreholes were completed in the area north, northeast and south of the expansion. The borehole locations are shown on Figure 1.0 (attached).



### 2.0 Assessment Results

The yard site is generally flat, sloping to the north, which transitions to gently rolling topography. The Site is currently an active dairy operation with a cultivated field to the north.

Three investigative boreholes were drilled using a truck-mounted rotary auger and completed to a maximum depth of 9.0 mbgs on December 9, 2024. The boreholes were drilled in the area north, northeast and south of the expansion and are shown on Figure 1.0 (attached).

Potential liner construction material (noted in borehole logs as sandy clay) was typically found beneath topsoil and intermittent clay/sand. Saturated sand seams were noted at 4.5 mbgs (as measured at 24BH03) and 2.0 mbgs (as measured at 24BH01). Bedrock was not encountered to a maximum depth of 9.0 mbgs.

Boreholes were backfilled with the material removed by back spinning the solid stem auger and compacting to depth of the borehole.



The results of the soil analysis completed by a third-party laboratory are presented in Table 1 below. The soil sample locations are presented on Figure 1, and borehole logs are attached. The composite sample was obtained from all three boreholes (24BH01, 0.75-3.0mbgs; 24BH02, 1.5-3.0mbgs; 24BH03, 0-4.5 mbgs). Boreholes 24BH01 and 24BH02 are approximately 2.0 meters below borehole 24BH03.

Parameter	24BH01-01	24BH01-02	24BH01-03	24BH01-04	24BH01-05	24BH03-01	Composite
Sample Depth (mbgs)	1.0	3.5	4.25	5.5	7.0	0.75	0-4.5
Particle Size (%sand/gravel)	42.9	11.3	29.7	9.0	10.7	38.5	39.4
Particle Size (%silt)	26.8	43.6	39.4	56.4	50.7	28.8	60.4
Particle Size (%clay)	30.3	45.1	30.9	34.6	38.6	32.7	00.4
Texture Class	Clay Loam	Silty Clay	Clay Loam	Silty Clay Loam	Silty Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Clay Loam
Plastic Limit (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.52
Liquid Limit (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	45.98
Plasticity Index (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.46
Field Hydraulic Conductivity (cm/sec)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.148 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
Natural Moisture (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.5

### **Table 1: Soil Properties Results**

\*Bold and Shaded – Suspected compacted liner material

The soils were identified as clay loam. The suspected compacted liner material had an average clay content of 31.3%, ranging from 30.3 - 32.7%. The composite soils were determined to be clay loam. The hydraulic conductivity was determined to be 2.148 x  $10^{-9}$  cm/sec at 99% compaction. The maximum dry density was found to be 1,849 kg/m<sup>3</sup> with an optimum moisture content of 13.8%. Natural moisture of the sample was found to be 16.5%.

Conservatively a safety factor of 10 is to be applied to the hydraulic conductivity based on the NRCB Approvals Policy (2016-7), Section 8.7.2, stating "lab measurements of a sample of material taken from the field are not considered an accurate representation of the actual field hydraulic conductivity values. This is because of the potential variability of soils, differences in compaction methods and variances in compaction." Therefore, the field hydraulic conductivity of the composite material tested is determined to be  $2.148 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec.



A saturated strata was noted in borehole 24BH01 at 2.0 mbgs and borehole 24BH03 at 4.5 mbgs. It should be noted that the current depth of lagoon is unknown.



### 3.0 Liner Assessments

### 3.1 Compacted Earthen Liner Assessment (Liquid Manure Storage)

Based on the information obtained it was determined that the native clay within the proposed area of construction was found to have a minimum thickness of 1.5 meters. The proposed liquid manure storage expansion has already been constructed, as shown on Figure 1.0.

Minimum Required Liner Depth for EMS:

 $\frac{1 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ x } 10^{-7} \text{ cm/sec}} = \frac{\mathbf{X} \text{ m}}{2.15 \text{ x } 10^{-8} \text{ cm/sec}}$ 

 $\mathbf{X}=0.22~m$ 

A compacted liner thickness of 0.22 m is required, however a **1.0 m** liner is recommended.

### 4.0 Conclusions

The following conclusions are based on the discussed scope of the construction.

The composite soils were determined to be appropriate for the construction of a compacted clay liner for a liquid manure storage facility. At this time the expansion was constructed without an engineered liner. Based on the site assessment it is required that the lagoon be completed with a compacted clay liner using the material as outlined above.

The depth of the current lagoon was not measured at the time of the assessment. Based on the information obtained, the bottom of the liner must be 1.0 meters above the water table. It should be noted that it could not be ascertained if the coarse-grained saturated stratuma was hydrated with a naturally occurring groundwater table or from the current lagoon expansion. As the lagoon has been excavated prior to the assessment the conditions within the immediate footprint of the lagoon are unknown.

A previous groundwater assessment was completed by Envirowest Engineering Inc. (Envirowest, 2001) and measured relative depth to groundwater. As measured from grade at the east portion of the original lagoon, groundwater was measured in 2001 and ranged from 4.0 and 5.3 mbgs. These values cannot be utilized in the current design as they are not current, however they are relative to the saturated strata that was noted during field assessment. This would help indicate that the saturated strata is a naturally occurring water table.



## 5.0 Design and Construction Considerations

### 5.1 Earthen Lined Lagoon

### **Earthen Lagoon Storage Sizing**

The liquid EMS facility expansion was constructed prior to the Site and Soil Assessment. The manure storage lagoon sizing was not considered during this assessment as initial construction was complete. However, the following construction considerations should be included during liner installation:

- The lagoon should maintain an inside end and side wall slope of 3:1 (run/rise)
- The outside dyke walls should be completed to a slope of 4:1. The crest of the dyke should be sloped slightly outward to direct rainfall away from the storage facility
- The below-grade depth of the EMS must maintain a minimum of a 1.0 m separation above the water table at the time of construction. This is conservatively determined to be at 4.0 mbgs as measured from borehole 24BH03
- Construction of the clay liner should be completed in approximately 0.15 m lifts. Preferably, compaction of each lift will be undertaken with a padfoot roller, or the like. The equipment being used for soil compaction must fully penetrate each lift
- Lifts should continue to be added until the recommended liner thickness is achieved. Particular attention should be paid to ensuring that the liner is integrally connected to the lower soil strata and that the soil around the inlet pipe is compacted to the same standard as the remainder of the liner
- Sand pockets that may be encountered during construction should be removed prior to liner installation
- If any significant amount of coarse-grained material is encountered, the NRCB or the engineer should be contacted prior to proceeding
- Control of liner moisture content is critical during the construction process. Liner material should not be allowed to become saturated or to become dry. Should a lift surface become dry, the lift should be scarified prior to the placement of the next lift. Lifts which are above the required moisture content due to precipitation etc. should be removed or allowed to dry and re-compacted. The liner should not be allowed to freeze during construction
- Topsoil, frozen soil, or rocks larger than 6 inches should not be included in the liner material
- Construction of the lagoon should be supervised by a professional engineer
- The freeboard depth of 0.5 m and outside dyke walls should be covered with 0.1-0.2 m of topsoil and seeded to prevent soil erosion



• The inlet pipe to the EMS should be located in the bottom 1/4 of the lagoon. The annulus around the inlet pipe should be sealed with a bentonite sealer

### **Earthen Manure Storage Construction**

The following general construction procedures are recommended, though some modifications may be required based on actual site conditions encountered during construction:

- The topsoil and overburden should be stripped from the area for construction. The topsoil can be reused on the freeboard area after construction completion
- Sand and gravel seams, if encountered, should be excavated during construction and should be removed
- Construction of the lagoon should be supervised by a professional engineer

Following completion of the lagoon the operator should:

• Ensure that shrubs, trees, and deep-rooted plants are not allowed to grow within 10 meters of the facility



### 6.0 Closure

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Prepared by:** Emily J. Low, P.Eng. Envirowest Engineering

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### 7.0 Qualifications of Assessors

Ms. Emily Low, B.Sc., P.Eng, is an Environmental Engineer with Envirowest Engineering and has approximately 15 years of environmental assessment, monitoring, and remediation experience in the agricultural, industrial, real estate and development, and oil and gas sectors. Ms. Low has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alberta and is a certified Professional Engineer in Alberta (Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta).

Leah Predy, B.A., B.Sc., P.Ag., is a Professional Agrologist with Envirowest Engineering and has approximately 5 years of experience in the environmental field, both in field data collection and report preparation for environmental assessments, monitoring, and remediation, as well as agricultural projects. Prior to her employment with Envirowest Engineering, Leah had five years of experience managing rangelands and navigating legislation and regulations as a Rangeland Agrologist with the Government of Alberta. She is a Professional Agrologist in Alberta (Alberta Institute of Agrologists).



### 8.0 References

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Appendix A

Figure







Title: Borehole Locations Site and Soil Assessment Proposed Earthen Manure Storage Lagoon Expansion NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-18-038-19-W4M County of Stettler No. 6, Alberta

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Appendix B

**Borehole Logs** 



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2.0- 2.3- 2.5- 2.8-					SAND, saturated, brown			
3.0- 3.3- 3.5- 3.8-					SILTY CLAY, some sand, brown, damp			
4.0- 4.3- 4.5- 4.8- 5.0-					SANDY CLAY, firm, reddish brown, damp			
5.3- 5.5- 5.8- 6.0- 6.3-								
6.5 6.8 7.0 7.3					SILTY CLAY LOAM, hard, damp, grey			
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Appendix C

**Certificate of Analysis** 



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Project Name:	2024 Materials Testing	Depth:	
Project Number:	USG2024	Testing Company:	Union Street Geo.
Client:	Envirowest Engineering	Field Technician:	E.L.
Testhole:		Sample Date:	9 Dec., 2025
Location:	Mars Dairy	Lab Technician:	B.B.
Sample Number:	W641	Date Tested:	22 Jan., 2025

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#### **Material and Test Description**

Material Description: Clay and silt, sandy

Test Type:	Constant Head	Remoulding Details
Mould Size:	Flexible Wall	Max Dry Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ): -
Sample Source:	Re-moulded	Proctor ID: -
Fluid Used:	Deaired Water	Percent Max (%): -
Fluid Reservoir:	Burrettes	Target Dry Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ): -

Initial Sample Characteristics							
Water Co	ntent			Sample Siz	e		
Wet + Tare (g):	550.3	Trial	1	2	3	4	Average
Dry + Tare (g):	471.4	Diameter (mm):	73.9	74.6	74.4	74	74.2
Tare (g):	11.4	Length (mm):	75.8	75.9	76.2	76.1	76.0
Water Content (%):	17.2%	Weight (g) 687.2					

Area (cm <sup>2</sup> ):	43.3	Specific Gravity (Note 2):	2.59
Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> ):	328.9	Void Ratio:	0.45
Wet Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):	2090	Saturation:	97.9%
Dry Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):	1784	Porosity:	31.2%

Final Sample Characteristics							
Water Co	ntent		Sample Size				
Wet + Tare (g):	705.2	Trial	1	2	3	4	Average
Dry + Tare (g):	597.7	Diameter (mm):	74.6	74.7	74.4	74.8	74.6
Tare (g):	10.4	Length (mm):	76.4	76.5	76.4	76.2	76.4
Water Content (%):	18.3%	Weight (g)		695.2			
Area (cm <sup>2</sup> ): 43.7		43.7	Specific Gravity (Note 1): 2.59				
Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> ):		334.0	Void Ratio:			0.47	
Wet Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):		2081	Saturation:			100.0%	
Dry Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):		1759 Porosity: 32.2%			)		

Note 1: Specific gravity for final sample characteristics calculation adjusted to result in 100.0% saturation.

Note 2: Specific gravity for initial sample characteristics calculation set equal to that of the final.

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### Re: Site and Soil Assessment – Additional Information Proposed Earthen Manure Storage Lagoon Expansion NW<sup>1</sup>/4-18-038-19-W4M County of Stettler No. 6, Alberta

Dear Gert,

As per your request to provide additional information in regard to the above noted Site and Soil Assessment, the following information is supplemental to the original assessment.

### **Assessment Results**

Saturated sand seams were noted at 4.5 mbgs (as measured at 24BH03) and 2.0 mbgs (as measured at 24BH01). It is noted that 24BH03 is approximately 2.0 meters above 24BH01, the water table is conservatively measured at 4.0 mbgs (as measured at 24BH03 which is equivalent to 2.0 mbgs as measured at 24BH01).

### **Design and Construction Considerations - Earthen Lined Lagoon**

### **Earthen Lagoon Storage Sizing**

The manure storage lagoon is recommended to have the following specifications:

- To provide the required capacity the new EMS should be 167 m in length x 55 m in width. The overall depth has been designed as 3.5 m. The storage capacity of the EMS will be 20,076 cubic metres. The sizing is based on an inside end and side wall slope of 3:1 (run/rise)
- 2. The overall depth of 3.5 m will be achieved through a below grade depth of 2.0 m as measured from borehole 24BH03. The bottom of the liner will measure 3.0 meters below grade.
- 3. The above-grade dykes will measure 1.5 m. The outside dyke walls should be completed to at slope of 4:1. The crest of the dyke should be sloped slightly outward to direct rainfall away from the storage facility

4. The below-grade depth of the EMS must maintain a minimum of a 1.0 m separation above the water table at the time of construction

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Attachment: Figure 1.0 – Proposed Design



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