

Bulletin Update #7
July 28, 2025

The NRCB issued Compliance Directive # CD 25-04 to Rimrock Cattle Company Ltd. on January 20, 2025, for inappropriate disturbance related to odour. As described in Bulletin Update #6, Rimrock completed the extensive cleanout of cell 1 of their catch basin on March 4, 2025. The cleanout consisted of the removal of all liquid and solid manure.

This past winter, Rimrock Cattle Company Ltd. purchased equipment specifically for the emptying and ongoing management of their catch basins. The cleanout of cell 2 began on April 30 and has been ongoing since then. The wetter than usual spring and summer has extended the timeframe to empty cell 2.

The recommendation to reseed the cell 2 area to grass or forage is still in effect. The NRCB hopes that the emptying and revegetating of cell 2 will still take place in the summer/fall of 2025. However, if conditions this year remain too prohibitive to complete the work prior to freeze up, the timeline to empty and revegetate will be extended into 2026.

NRCB air monitoring efforts have continued for the 2025 season. On April 29, all three CT air monitoring units were set up. The NRCB has placed two air monitoring stations at the feedlot—one directly downwind of the catch basin and one directly downwind of feedlot pens. The NRCB has also located one station (community station) adjacent to the northwest area of High River. A summary report on the feedlot CT air data has been posted on the NRCB website.

As is typical practice, the NRCB has conducted regular inspections to ensure progress and that commitments are met. Since April 1, 2025, the NRCB has performed approximately 18 inspections at Rimrock Feeders High River lot and throughout High River. Regular inspections will continue throughout the remainder of 2025.