



## Natural Resources Conservation Board

### THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL OPERATION PRACTICES ACT NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD

Decision Report LA05005A is issued in consideration of Application LA05005A.  
Application LA05005A is approved.

## 1 BACKGROUND

On February 22, 2005, Schorno Agri-Business applied to the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) pursuant to Part 2 of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA), for an amendment to Municipal Development Permit No. 29-93P issued by the Municipal District of Pincher Creek in April of 1993, which allowed an increase in beef finisher numbers from 5,000 head to 7,500 head.

The facility is located at NW¼ 12-07-29 W4M in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek and is known locally and referred to as Summerview Feeders. It is located approximately 13 kilometres northeast of Pincher Creek, Alberta. The topography of the area is generally undulating to hummocky. The site is located approximately 100 m south of an oxbow scar with oxbow lakes, remnant from a channel of the Old Man River.

It should be noted that in October 2003, NRCB Compliance staff was alerted that feeder horses rather than finisher cattle were located at the site. A letter from NRCB Compliance was sent to the owners relaying that animal numbers at the feedlot were limited to 1,000 head until an application had moved through the NRCB Approval process.

In application LA05005A, no increase in animal numbers or manure production is proposed. The applicant would prefer to vary from the existing permitted 7,500 beef finisher cattle to a combination of beef finisher cattle and feeder horses with the intention of decreasing animal numbers from 7,500 finisher cattle to either 4,500 feeder horses or a combination of 4,500 feeder horses and beef finisher cattle or 5,000 beef finisher cattle. No further construction will be required to accommodate the proposed combination of feeder horses and finisher cattle.

Although this application for amendment involves only the variation and decrease of beef finisher cattle to a combination of feeder horses and beef finisher cattle, the complete facility was assessed to determine the level of risk to the environment posed by the existing operation. Where the risk was seen to have the potential to create an adverse impact, those portions of the operation have been included and considered in the Technical Section of this report as required by AOPA.