



September 26, 2017

Siobhan Burland-Ross  
Manager, Industrial and Municipal (and Acting Director)  
Environmental Approvals Branch  
Manitoba Sustainable Development  
123 Main Street, Suite 160,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1A5

Dear Ms. Burland-Ross:

**Re: Request for Temporary Authorization – Environment Act Licence No. 2311 S2 4R**

Further to our telephone conversation, and with regard to the ongoing cases of *Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea* virus (PEDv) in Manitoba, the Maple Leaf Foods plant in Brandon wishes to enact an extra security precaution to protect the health of the livestock from possible cross-contamination. In particular, there is an urgent need for enhanced biosecurity with respect to the processing of non-shedding, PEDv-positive animals this fall.

Section 23 of our *Environment Act* Licence No. 2311 S2 4R states that the licensee shall:

- (a) collect and deposit all the dry hog manure from the unloading docks and the truck trailers into the manure box located beside the hog holding pens, and dispose of the dry manure on a regular basis in accordance with an approved Long-Term Manure Management Plan;

Maple Leaf Foods is requesting temporary authorization to collect, store and remove dry manure straw from transport truck trailers used to haul non-shedding PEDv animals at a temporary second location. This second location is located at the corner of 65<sup>th</sup> Street East and Richmond Avenue East, and is owned and will be operated by Steve's Livestock Transport. Details of the site have been provided by Steve's Livestock Transport to Environmental Officer Kristy Forrestall via email.

Truck scraping would be handled on a 60x60m dirt and gravel pad in the SE corner of the property. Processing of non-shedding PEDv animals would take place only one day per week, with an estimated 8 trucks processed on that day. The dry straw would be scraped and immediately collected and loaded into a bin. As this is a small number of trucks, the actual amount of manure soaked straw will be small. The storage bin will be emptied when full, at an estimated 40-50 days, and the material hauled to Airfield Organics, as per our long term manure management plan. There will be no washing of trucks or handling of liquid manure

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at this location. As the volume of dry material will be very small and the material will be immediately loaded into bins, the impact on soil and groundwater is expected to be very low.

This operation should only be required from the fall of 2017 until the spring of 2018. This is an enhanced biosecurity measure to help prevent any possible spreading of PEDv in Manitoba.

As there are many non-shedding animals requiring processing, we wish to act quickly. Your early review and approval of this request would be very much appreciated.

Ms. Burland-Ross, I greatly appreciate the effort that you and your staff will make in processing this request for a temporary authorization. Should you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 204-235-8232 or on my cell at 204-229-9594.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Grant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joel Grant, M.Sc.  
National Manager of Environmental Affairs  
Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

cc. Kristy Forrestall, Manitoba Sustainable Development  
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