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Representing the Beef Cattle Industry of British Columbia

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POSITION STATEMENT

Re: Animal Waste Disposal Facilities

Statement:

The BC Cattlemen's Association (BCCA) supports, in principle, the construction and operation of *Specified Risk Material* (SRM) and non-SRM animal waste disposal facilities at a local and regional level in British Columbia. The facilities are critical to our industry. The BCCA is adamant that these facilities must comply with human, animal and environmental health guidelines and regulations. It is not the role of the provincial cattle association (BCCA) to be involved in local and regional negotiations and details regarding animal waste disposal facility proposals or operations.

Supporting points:

- These facilities are vital to the economics of our industry as we continue to operate under the *Enhanced Feed Ban* that has imposed additional regulatory requirements in handling and disposing animal waste material.
- Having disposal facilities available at a local level ensures that materials can be properly and promptly disposed of according to CFIA requirements. This is critical so as not to create a backlog of animals at slaughter facilities.
- Local disposal facilities are also very important because they reduce the transportation costs associated with moving waste materials to a certified disposal site.
- The BCCA supports the adherence to stringent human, animal and environmental standards in the construction and operation of disposal facilities and is confident in the current certification process.
- It is not the role of the BCCA to be involved in local and regional negotiations, politics and details of these facilities and proposals.

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