

This letter is written to express my concerns and opposition of the proposed mixed livestock operation for Westfarm Colony Farms in the RM of Brokenhead.

My name is Jonathon Babisky and I live on section SE29-14-8E. Since the proposal of this operation, I have some concerns that need to be addressed.

1. Safety

First thing to mention is the safety of all of the colony members especially the kids. Building a living and housing site on one side of a municipal road, and working site on the other which big trucks and tractors (other then the colony's) will be traveling down. Some of which will be carrying large loads (137,000 + pounds) making it impossible to stop for anyone running out in front such as a kid playing, or a pedestrian vehicle trying to cross to the opposite site. This is not just a single family that lives on one side and works across on the other, this could be 100+ families. Essentially this would have the public driving through the middle of the colony. This is a major concern for the safety and well being of colony members and local traffic.

2. Water source

The proposed wells are located on NE35-14-7E and NW36-14-7E, which is approximately three miles away from the proposed mixed livestock operation site. This raises the question of why they need to locate their well so far away from NW33-14-8E and NE32-14-8E, but yet our waterways that run all around NW33-14-8E are said to be safe.

I am concerned for the ecosystem and local active wells that could be affected.

The amount of water that will be consumed yearly from this operation is approximately 31,500,000 litres per year. This number is not including any human consumption. This is a large amount of water consumption per year for one operation. Multiple families are likely to be affected by this and see their water table drop in result.

2. Roads

There is no direct access to the proposed colony from the highway PTH 12. To get to PTH 12 you have to go two miles south, then west two miles. Which takes them down municipal roads that can only handle a limited amount of traffic, especially heavy truck traffic. Not to mention, the bridge crossing the Brokenhead river on mile 82N, is one of the last municipal bridges left allowing local traffic to access PTH 12. This bridge was not built to withstand continuous commercial truck traffic.

As per the truck haul route on "spread_fields_truck_haul_acces_points_map" they would need to construct a bridge to cross the river three times that spans up to 0.5km long. Who will be paying for the extra road maintenance and bridge construction/maintenance in which will solely be used by the colony?

3. Property and value

With this operation is being proposed in a populated area with more than a dozen houses within close proximity to the location, the property value of those houses will be decreased, as it is undesirable to live by a hog barn in terms of odour.

I have a concern for my neighbours and my property, be commodities or personal. In the past I have caught middle aged members from a Local Colony stealing Hay Bales from my property. Everyone in this area works hard for what they have. Keeping the influx of thieves at bay from outside the community is hard enough. From my past experience it raises my awareness about the *possibility* of an increase of theft.

4. Land competition

By allowing a big corporation such as Westfarm Colony Farms to expand into this area, it will put a strain on smaller farmers in terms of land competition. One piece of land can be owned by multiple families within the community over the years. Once traded into a colony, it will never be traded within the community again. With that said, the family farms simply can't compete with the financial standings of this corporation to stay competitive. This way of operating is detrimental to the survival of family farms and the *next generation of young farmers*.

5. Environmental risk

One of my biggest concerns about this proposal is the location of everything in respect to the river. The proposed location of the barns and lagoon are being built on the edge of a flood zone. In the past 100 years, there has been at least 3 major floods, and the proposed location was covered in water. Now imagine a new mixed livestock operation being added into the picture.

My thoughts are, why would you approve a *new* livestock operation this large in a known flooding area, when it could be easily set up on higher ground away from the flood zone and our waterways.

I hope that each concern and comment from the community are carefully considered when making this big decision.

Jonathon Babisky

January 20th, 2022

RE: TRC 12-088

Hello, My name is Michael Smorang. I live 2 miles away from where the proposed West Farm Colony will be in the RM of Brokenhead. I grew up working on my family's farm at a very young age which I happen to live next door to now as an adult. I have watched my grandparents and great grandparents work so hard all their lives, to pass down the family farm to my uncle.

I have many concerns regarding this new Colony that may go up and one of those concerns is the odor. There is no denying it, whether you have a big or small livestock farm. With it, comes SMELL. The size of the Colony they are wanting to build and the animals they estimate to have, there will constantly be a manure smell in the air.

Another concern I have is the river. The river runs along my back yard and I worry that if there is ever another flood that the river will be contaminated with feces and possibly produce a rapid increase of algae in the water way. How will this impact the eco system in the Brokenhead River?

Come spring and summer our roads are nasty. There will be much more traffic regardless of if they build a bridge and a road on Mile 84 North. Will our roads be maintained more often? If so, our taxes will likely increase. I don't think its fair that our taxes will increase if a colony goes up but the housing market in the area will drop as no body wants to live in an area where all they smell is manure.

As said before, my uncle and grandparents have worked so hard their entire lives to farm and I feel like if we add yet another colony in the area that it is a disadvantage for the smaller farmers to grow and expand as the Colonies will buy or rent all the land in the area leaving minimal land for the smaller farmers who may not have the means and money like the Colonies do.

I don't feel that there is need for the build of West Farm Colony as Greenwald and Brightstone Colony are both within 15 km of where the new one will be. Please take into consideration that if this proposal does go through. There will be a negative impact on the surrounding families.

Thank you

Michael Smorang

January 22, 2022

Alexandre Lafrenière

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Beausejour Manitoba

ROEOCO

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in reference to the proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation Westfarm Colony Farms (TRC 12-088).

I have concerns about this new establishment.

Firstly, our family acreage and home is located 1 mile directly east of the proposed sight in section NW 34-14-8E. The establishment of an operation of this size will definitely lower the value of our property for the simple reason of having poor air quality and air pollution. The proposal states: *The residential, communal, and industrial uses are proposed for NE 32-14-8E, while the agricultural operation, domestic lagoon, and manure storage would be located across the road at NW 33-14-8E.* (Quote from page 2 of 4 CONDITIONAL USE). The winds in Manitoba are predominantly from the North West. This means that we would consistently be smelling the lagoon, manure and barns.

Secondly, we are hugely concerned about the proposed area site plan and the placement of the fuel storage, the main shop, the manufacturing plants, and parking areas for the implements as shown on the Conceptual Site Plan C1.1. This area is within the flood zone and according to the plans is located near the Brokenhead River. There are always accidental spills of chemicals, industrial liquids and fuel when operating a farm. Our concern is the possibility of these chemicals and hydrocarbons entering into the drainage ditch which leads to the Brokenhead River, with snow melt, runoff and rain naturally bringing these pollutants into the nearby drainage ditches and make their way to the river. There will be potential to pollute our water way and damage the surrounding ecosystem with this area being developed as proposed.

Thirdly, our water source is an artesian well. There is a much higher probability that the wells in the area will get polluted with the construction of an industrial farm of this size. The production of 50 000 broiler chickens (which are butchered every 3 months means the number of chickens for the year would be closer to 200 000 chickens), the 11 000 laying hens, and 950 sows along with their piglets makes for a great potential of pollution. Will the earthen manure storage structure include measures to protect surface water quality by managing runoff on the site? Will the storage structure be located in an area free from collecting surface runoff? Will the earthen manure storage structure location and design include provisions for accidental overtopping or spills such that all liquids are contained on the livestock operation site and no manure enters a drainage channel or depression that may carry surface water to the river? The Conceptual Site Plan C1.1 does not indicate any of the already existing drainage ditches. This concerns me because the major drainage ditch on the North side of the property and along Mile Rd

84 drains directly into the Brokenhead River. What guarantees are there in place that this ditch will not carry any contamination to the river? What guarantee is there that the wells in the area along with the aquifers will be safe to use in the years to come? We believe that there is a much higher risk of contamination and pollution with the magnitude of this proposed establishment. Furthermore, the amount of water needed to run an operation of this magnitude, 18 998 imperial gallons a day as stated in section 7.1 Water Requirements of the Site Assessment, will definitely have an effect on the aquifer and may cause wells to produce less water or to dry up. If this happens, this will incur an extra expensive costs for the residents of this area.

Fourthly, we are concerned about the quality of our roads. There will be a higher amount of traffic and heavier trucks, farm equipment and semis travelling on our local roads. This proposed site has no direct access to neither provincial highway 317 nor highway 12, which means this heavy equipment will need to travel on the gravel roads. It is difficult enough for our municipality to keep up with the regular road maintenance without the addition of this extra traffic. This also means there is more potential for vehicles being damaged or being involved in accidents due to the poor quality of the roads and higher traffic volume.

Fifthly, section 10.3 Mortalities (Dead Animal) Disposal of the Site Assessment indicates that the type of mortality disposal is composting, but there is no permanent site indicated on the plans. Our concerns are as follows: Where will this composting site be? Will it be guaranteed that the mortalities will be composted in a manner that does not cause pollution of surface water, groundwater or soil? With the wind direction being most consistently North West, our air quality will be directly affected.

Our last concern is the noise pollution. An operation of this magnitude will cause extra noise at all hours of the day and night. There will be the barn exhaust fans, the heavy equipment, the feed mill, the grain cooling fans, the manufacturing plants etc. We have already experienced some of the noise pollution due to 4 very large grain bins being installed on this exact site. The fans/engines of the augers are very loud and do disrupt our quiet peaceful spring, summer and fall evenings and nights.

In closing I fail to see how this proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation Westfarm Colony Farms (TRC 12-088) in this area would be beneficial to our family and community. I predict it will negatively impact the water supply, the air quality, the natural waterways and our property value. An establishment of this magnitude will deter future independent farmers and new residents from settling in the area. It will negatively impact the quality of life for the current residents.

A concerned resident,

Alexandre Lafrenière

January 22, 2022

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A concerned resident,

Micheline Lafrenière

From: [Irene Golembioski](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: West farm colony farms - OBJECTION
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To whom it may concern;

I, John Mark Ian Golembioski (POA for Mary), am writing in regards to the proposed mixed livestock operation of Westfarm Colony Farms. Accept this as our formal objection to the establishment of this operation on NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1.

Mary Golembioski owns farm land on NW 28-14-8E, NW 21-14-8E, NW 21-14-8E, NE21-14-8E, and NW 28-14-8E.

For the following outlined reasons, we are opposed to the establishment of TRC 12-088:

Proximity to the Brokenhead River: The close proximity to the Brokenhead River which runs to Lake Winnipeg is a major concern. The runoff from the colony could leach into the river and have an environmental impact, not only on the river, but on Lake Winnipeg. The Brokenhead River is prone to flooding/overflowing its banks most years. There is always a risk of an overland flow of manure downhill and into well water drawn from low lying areas. This would cause ground water pollution to all farms in the near vicinity that rely on well water for their daily needs.

Odour pollution: Odour pollution and the negative impact to air quality is a major concern for our community. It is a documented fact that people living with exposure to these toxic air emissions from large hog/mixed livestock operations suffer increased mental and physical health issues including depression, reduced function of the immune system, respiratory, sinus, nausea problems, headaches, coughing, diarrhea and burning eyes.

Hydrogen sulphide poisoning: Hydrogen sulphide is produced by decomposing liquid manure. It is a colourless, odourless deadly gas that can reach hazardous concentrations in confined spaces. Several Canadian workers have died and

many have been affected by H₂S poisoning.

Soil pollution: High levels of antibiotics are fed to the pigs and other livestock to keep them healthy in their confined quarters to prevent disease, and this practise will see high levels of antibiotics flushed into the surrounding fields creating the perfect environment for multi disease resistant bacteria and the development of untreatable diseases in humans and other livestock.

Increased road traffic causing deterioration of roads, increased gas emissions: There will be added pressure on our infrastructure such as the roads which will need to be built and maintained for the increased truck traffic. This is in addition to the added gas emissions and dust pollution from the increase in truck traffic. This also impacts the privacy aspect of the established farming community that have been there since their ancestors immigrated here at the beginning of the 20th century. This impacts the safety and privacy of the current farmers. This would impact our recreation of our children.

Decrease in land value: The establishment of this livestock operation could definitely Impact land value due to the objections outlined.

OR

Increase in land value: This could potentially inflate land prices to be unattainable to the local individual farmers that do not have the cash flow of a large establishment such as the proposed colony.

Yours sincerely,

John Mark Ian Golembioski



From: [REDACTED]
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Western Colony Farms
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We are concerned about the impact this colony will have on our quiet little community. We moved to the country and bought a small acreage\hobby farm when we retired to get away from the city and to enjoy the tranquility of country life. We live on the same section of land as this colony is being built. Within 3 miles of this colony are at least 9 other homes where there are other non farmers that have escaped from the hustle and bustle of the city. All of us enjoy sitting out side around our fire pits sharing a summer evening with friends listening to the birds, watching the setting sun or counting stars and enjoying the peaceful country life. The noise and congestion of a project of this size will be an invasion on our community and will completely destroy our way of life for which we have worked our entire lives to achieve. Most of us can not afford to sell our property at a loss and try to re-establish elsewhere.

The mother colony is only several miles from this site and is well established in that community. There is room there to expand and because it has been there for years would have no impact on the community. Expand they should, but in a way that does not destroy another community.

Leonard and Kay Bales

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From: [Larry Novakowski](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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I object to the proposed livestock operation, I own a farm in close proximity to the proposed operation. Reasons why I object are that it is very near the Brokenhead river and could contaminate the river and such a large operation could contaminate the well water in area. The contamination of the air (smell) is not something that the people in the area welcome. Also the increased heavy truck traffic on the municipal roads will result increased costs to the tax payers as well dust pollution for local residents. Larry Novakowski

From: [Ory Z](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Westfarm Colony Farms- (TRC 12-088)
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My name is Ory Zalusky

I am strongly opposed to the proposal of Westfarm Colony Farms- (TRC 12-088)..

I owe the land straight west of the planned well locations for Westfarm colony. My property and residence are located at NW35 14 7E.

I have looked over the proposal notes presented by Westfarm colony,

My first concern is there is no mention of a impact analysis being done on the effects of pumping an estimated 28 897 imperial gallons per day. That is a substantial amount of water to be pumping out of the ground daily. The estimated water usage neglects to mention any other water usage other then the human domestic and animal requirements, all farms have other requirements(washing equipment, field irrigation, gardens, recreational) of water, especially a farm of this magnitude.

It should also be noted that the water being pumped out of the ground is to be relocated for use several miles away so the pumped water will not be returning to the same area of the water tables in which it was drawn from. I am sure there is a reason for having the proposed well sites and convince is definitely not the propose, I am concerned that pumping this volume of water daily will greatly effect the water tables which will I return effect the ecosystem of the surrounding area. The Mars sand hills has a large nature preserve which helps protect the unique ecosystem that is the Mars sand hills. a lot of areas in Manitoba that have an equal consideration of sand deposited like the Mars Sand Hills are more baron do to drought like conditions in the summer heat. What makes Mars sand hills such an unique place is that it has high water tables and fresh water springs, the proposed Westfarms colony may change all of that and adversely affect the balance of the region..

My other main concern is the waste management of the animals, How will the manure be stored until it is ready to me spread on the fields? Most likely a lagoon? What will be protecting the animal waste from overland flooding in the spring or wet seasons? The farm is roughly a mile or less from the Brokenhead River what are the flood plains like when the river swells?

The area is already supporting Greenwald colony which is the largest farm of its type in the area, Westfarms colony is just another branch of a business that already puts puts heavy pressure on the same area, The proposed Westfarms colony is no more of a farm then it is a factory, this is not about providing for the colony but a conquest for more profits. The area is not approved for the amount of animals proposed because the area can not sustain an operation of this magnitude without serious adverse effects.

I hope my concerns will be addressed or at least some serious consideration will be taken into dealing with the issues I have mentioned.

Thank you kindly

Ory Zalusky

If you wish to contact me



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From: [Evan Massey](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088
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Hi, I Evan Massey am located down wind from this proposed colony. I have some serious concerns about this mess happening in our community.

Proposed colony intends on using all types of manure and in the site assessment notes there is no intent on covering the manure. Also the only intent on distributing the manure is not to spread on windy days. How will this be enforced? This is a lack of disrespect on the community to not provide any type of cover or feasible plan to reduce the impact on residing neighbors.

A threatened species was noted in the site report as living in the area but for some reason no permits are required to ensure their habitat is maintained.

A major river runs near the property but there is no plan noted to ensure the waste from this site does not effect the river and neighboring communities.

Supplement documents on the project include a site plan which are not sealed. How can we be sure this documentation is legitimate and the intended plan will be followed as shown without being signed and sealed?

The site plan notes new shelter belts but trees take decades to grow. The natural benefits of these proposed shelter belts will be useless until these trees have time to grow. Until they have grown what is the proposed plan to shelter the site from the neighbors as an open field will not be sufficient to maintain odours.

The site plan does not indicate the setbacks from sources of water that are required by the livestock manure and mortalities management regulation for us to confirm if these minimums are being met.

Since every site is unique, is there a report that was evaluated with the assistance of a land use planner for the area, a geoscientist or an agricultural engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba, a Professional Agrologist and a Certified Crop Advisor to ensure the community will not be impacted negatively?

Another major concern is the impact on the environment including but not limited to the water system and the impact of adding an incredible amount of chemicals through the application of manure on an already overwhelmed system such as the algae blooms on lake winnipeg, increased air pollution from increased traffic specifically trucks to transport the animals and air pollution of the manure and the long term impact on allergies and asthma from this increased pollution (especially from pig farms it's a thing and I have bad asthma and terrible allergies), and the environmental impact on species living in the area especially the negative

impact this colony poses on the threatened species noted in the site assessment.

Overall we as a community are all terribly concerned about the ramifications if this happens.

I hope to hear back about this matter.

From: [Lorrie Gustafson](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC12-088
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To whom it may concern, my views on this feed lot are as follows, they are not telling the whole story when it comes to the number of animals they intend to have on this feedlot 950 sows produce a minimum of ten piglets twice to three times a year, that's 9,500, this is not calculated in the manure calculations. As we'll have 50,000 broiler chickens, how many times a year will this feedlot produce 50,000 birds probably three! 11,000 layer hens, that's how many eggs a day per week per month. What roads are they going to use to get to market? Our roads are already worn down to the mud base from lack of maintenance from our municipal upkeep. The smell from a feedlot will also be unbelievable, so if you can imagine one of these in your backyard think about! No, my view of this proposed feed lot will not benefit anyone in this area. Thanks Lorrie Gustafson. My location is NE 29 14 8 East [REDACTED]

From: [Christian Doelger](#)
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To, Whom it may concern

RE. TRC-12-088 West Farm Colony

After reviewing the documents in regards to the building of West Farm Colony I have a question. In regards to the access road to the colony shown on the Manure Application Field Map, parts of the road do not exist at present. In order to connect the two parts of Mile 84 north the Brokenhead River would need to be crossed. To follow the current road allowance the river would need to be crossed three times. Which is probably not very fisable. I would like some clarification on whether the road allowance would be moved north or south to have one crossing?

Did anyone look into the option of upgrading the bridge on PTH 317 to allow an upgrade of that highway or part of that highway to R-Tech? This would benefit the community as a whole and large parts of the Eastern Manitoba Region.

Respectfully,

Christian Doelger
[REDACTED] Mile 84 north

[REDACTED]
Beausejour/ MB
R0E 0C0

From: [Daniel Driskel](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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Jan 22,2022

Ref – **TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farms** – Livestock operation Located at Section NW 33-14-8 E1 Concerned RM of Brokenhead Resident – **Daniel and Tamara Driskell** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - **Section SE 33-14-8E** (Intersection of Mile Rd 45 and Rd 83 See attached map)

Concerns are as follows

- Smell due to proximity of animal waste piles and lagoons being located in the same section as our property.
- Increase in insects (maggot and flies) due to manure and animal decomposition processes on site.
- Increase in large predator (bear, wolf, coyote) and nuisance scavenger animals (fox, skunk, rat) to the area.
- Environmental – Proximity of Lagoons and waste piles to river. Possible emergency discharge from lagoon or over land flooding.
- Traffic and general noise related to equipment on site and transporting of livestock to and from operation.
- Local roads and infrastructure not able to withstand increased traffic of commercial vehicles.
- Substantial reduction in residential property value due to close proximity.

Questions

- What will be done to ensure smells are contained or controlled to levels that are acceptable to homeowners?
- What will be done to ensure the insects populations are not going to affect the properties within the immediate area?
- What will be done to ensure that the inevitable increase in predatory and nuisance animals, does not affect the safety of my family, animals or belongings on my property.
- What will be done to ensure lagoons are being operated and maintained in accordance with Provincial guidelines?
- What will be done in order to ensure traffic to and from the site does not destroy roads or dust controlled surfaces paid for by residents?
- What will be done to prevent property values from dropping within 2-3 miles of the proposed site?

My name is Daniel Driskell and my wife Tamara, and I live at the corner of Mile Road 45 and 83 in the Rm of Brokenhead. I have received a letter stating that Westfarm Colony Farms would like to create a livestock operation within the same section (33-14-8) that I live in. We have lived in our current house for almost 8 years and even though its not as long as some of our neighbours, we take just as much exception to the idea that our property is in no doubt going to be affected by this development. This is not a small hobby farm but a large scale operation and everything from smells,

traffic, noises and environmental impact are larger.

My immediate concern is going to be the smell from such an operation. I understand Lagoons and the seasonal smells that are associated with thermal turnover in addition to the regular smells that they produce throughout the year and however unpleasant they can be, its the cleaning of animal waste and the methods used to process any deceased animals that will be the largest contributor to smells. With a large amount of our wind and storm systems coming from the Northwest, this operation couldn't be in a worse direction to our house. The amount of animals that will be located on site will produce an enormous amount of waste and since the number of cleanings required for various poultry and large animal species are more then just once or twice a year, this will also be a continuous problem year round. The smells on site will also in no doubt attract predators, and nuisance animals to the area and create safety concerns for anyone, any animal and everything on my property while at the same time prevent us from enjoying the outdoors because of both the smells and the insects that will be generated on site.

As for the environmental impact, lagoons again are a concern. When operating normally, lagoons at the end of processing can have cleaner water then rivers in some cases. However, I am aware that in high rainfall years or in situations where the biological process has not yet finished (mainly for capacity reasons) it may be necessary for the lagoon to be dumped directly into the river before the sewage has been fully treated. In relation to high water, we live 2 miles East of the Brokenhead river and during the flood of 1997 the old house that was on my property and my barn were the only to buildings not under water which meant my yard and the fields between us and the river were under water. I have personally seen the ditch in front of my house be inches away from spilling over to my property 3 times in the years we've lived here. A berm at the proposed site to prevent river water from contacting manure piles or flooding out buildings or a lagoon will only work until the ditch water over flows at my corner and runs straight back to the site. With all the scientific data saying that weather events and floods will be more frequent in the future this will in no doubt be a problem.

My final concern is the end result of having an operation like this next door and that is my "Property value". Property values in the area are already less due to the distance from a developed town. That fact meant more value for our money when we purchased our property. Plus we gained the peace and quite the area offers. The entire property was a fixer upper and has been an up hill battle the entire 8 years to repair our house, buildings, and the landscape of the entire property but with having the skills and knowledge of how to do the work and the desire to show our kids what hard work can get you, we elected to do the work ourselves and use sweat equity to increase the value of our property. Those are "Sweat Equity" dollars that my family has earned. The last appraisal of our house occurred a few years ago and all the time and effort of doing things ourselves had been paying off. If this operation is allowed to go forward, I will lose all that equity that we have spent so long building up because who in their right mind would buy a house this far out of Town for the money, I should be entitled to sell it for. Especially when potential buyers can only smell animal feces' and decomposing carcasses.

We as a family, have worked long hours and incredibly hard to gain this equity and to get our property to a point in which we can finally enjoy it. Allowing this operation to be built would directly affect my family and all the other families in the area and I am completely against a livestock operations like the one they have proposed, from disrupting the life we have been trying to create for our family.

Thank you,

Daniel & Tammy Driskell

From: [Jen](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farms
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Area Resident: Jennifer Holmberg
Property [REDACTED] NW22-14-7E, N

We oppose, the proposed construction for the following reasons:

Water: There has not been a Provincial Engineer Water Report of the of this entire area. We need to know the water levels regarding aquifers, discharge and recharge, water tables, and so forth. It is not known the amount of water consumed by the current residents, farms, and seasonal market gardeners, per year. There are no reports regarding amount of water needs and consumption of The Mars Hill Wildlife Management Area, 3,500 hectors of mixed-wood forest. Wetlands, need be included in this report.

There has not been a report, over the last forty years of this area.

Pigs, cattle and livestock, use a tremendous amount of water.

Threats to water quality: spread of manure, lagoons, berms, and other. We are concerned that late thaw, early freeze up or heavy rains could negate those efforts which have the potential infiltrate the drinking water.

The Brokenhead River runs through the proposed site and empties into Lake Winnipeg.

The composting of dead, and diseased animals poses a threat to the water quaiity.

Air Quality: There is no avoiding polluting the air with highly offensive, irritating, and potentially disease producing gases that are minimal with small farm operations.

Quality of Life: This proposed livestock operation in our community will deteriorate our rural way of living. This rural area is not a suitable location. It is invasive and a health risk, in every way, to all the residents.

It will significantly decrease our property values.

Road Destruction: Highway 317, 12North, and surrounding gravel roads.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [susan.kasuba](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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Area Resident: Susan Kasuba
Property # [REDACTED] NW22-14-7E

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Pigs, cattle and livestock, use a tremendous amount of water.

We have already seen over the last couple of years drought conditions that have affected us all in the area.

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Road Destruction: Highway 317, 12North, and surrounding gravel roads.

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [peggy kasuba](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farms
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Area Residents: Peggy Kasuba and Guy Sain
Property [REDACTED], NE21-14-7E, N: 50.20615 W -91.56722

We oppose, the proposed construction for the following reasons:

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From: [Lorne and Diane Holigroski](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farms Proposal
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I am opposed to the above noted proposal.

Thank you,

Diane Holigroski

[REDACTED]

24-14-7E [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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Area Resident: Chad Chorney
Property # [REDACTED], NW22-14-7E

We oppose, the proposed construction for the following reasons:

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It will significantly decrease our property values.

Road Destruction: Highway 317, 12North, and surrounding gravel roads.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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Krystina Taylor
21-14-8 E1

[REDACTED]
Beausejour, Manitoba
January 21, 2022

Dear Members of the Technical Review Co-ordination Unit,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed multi-animal operation by the new Westfarm Colony (TRC 12-088) on section 33-14-8 E1 in the municipality of Brokenhead. I have many concerns with an animal operation of this size built near the river and our residences.

One of my primary concerns is the pungent odours emitted. At any given wind direction, there will be several residences negatively impacted. I understand that manure odour emissions can be controlled to a certain extent with the technology available today, but "none" is listed in the proposal for this operation. The reality is that odour caused by decomposing manure, rotting feed, and dead animals (composted) is typical of a large-scale animal operation.

These odours would undoubtedly lead to decreased quality of life and reduced property values for our area, permanently. We have several small businesses in the area that includes produce/food vendors that would be negatively affected by the smell. In addition, people like to visit the farm from which they buy produce. Having a large animal operation close to my farm would ruin my future of turning my family farm into Community Shared Agriculture for our community to benefit from buying farm-grown sustainably produced vegetables.

I am not against housing animals for food and understand how it is better economically for the greater community to have these businesses. A multi-animal operation would allow for the use of fertilizer on neighbouring fields. However, after many years it becomes a significant burden to the soil as phosphorus levels increase to greater levels than are needed for crop production.

I am not against having a livestock barn in the area, but I am against having a large animal operation of this size. I would like to see the animal units reduced significantly for this proposal.

Once built, this barn will remain there, not only for our lifetime but also for future generations. Therefore, please take our concerns seriously. This decision has the power to impact our quality of life and our children's future in this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Krystina Taylor

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Debra Shumila](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation Westfarm Colony Farms
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Technical Review Coordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4
January 20, 2022

To whom it may concern;

I, Debra Shumila (POA for Mary Golembioski and heir with my brother, Ian Golembioski), am writing in regards to the proposed mixed livestock operation of Westfarm Colony Farms. Accept this as our formal objection to the establishment of this operation on NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1.

Mary Golembioski owns farm land on NW 28-14-8E, NW 21-14-8E, NW 21-14-8E, NE21-14-8E, and NW 28-14-8E.

For the following outlined reasons, we are opposed to the establishment of TRC 12-088:

Proximity to the Brokenhead River: The close proximity to the Brokenhead River which runs to Lake Winnipeg is a major concern. The runoff from the colony could leach into the river and have an environmental impact, not only on the river, but on Lake Winnipeg. The Brokenhead River is prone to flooding/overflowing its banks most years. There is always a risk of an overland flow of manure downhill and into well water drawn from low lying areas. This would cause ground water pollution to all farms in the near vicinity that rely on well water for their daily needs. Having this operation so close to that body of water and all those natural runways is just an environmental accident waiting to happen. With all the work being done to save our environment and our natural water supplies this just seems like planning really has gone wrong.

Odour pollution: Odour pollution and the negative impact to air quality is a major concern for our community. It is a documented fact that people living with exposure to these toxic air emissions from large hog/mixed livestock operations suffer increased mental and physical health issues including depression, reduced function of the immune system, respiratory, sinus, nausea problems, headaches, coughing, diarrhea and burning eyes.

Hydrogen sulphide poisoning: Hydrogen sulphide is produced by decomposing liquid manure. It is a colourless, odourless deadly gas that can reach hazardous concentrations in confined spaces. Several Canadian workers have died and many have been affected by H2S poisoning.

Soil pollution: High levels of antibiotics are fed to the pigs and other livestock to keep them healthy in their confined quarters to prevent disease, and this practise will see high levels of antibiotics flushed into the surrounding fields creating the perfect environment for multi disease resistant bacteria and the development of untreatable diseases in humans and other livestock.

Increased road traffic causing deterioration of roads, increased gas emissions: There will be added pressure on our infrastructure such as the roads which will need to be built and maintained for the increased truck traffic. This is in addition to the added gas emissions and dust pollution from the increase in truck traffic. This also impacts the privacy aspect of the established farming community

that have been there since their ancestors immigrated here at the beginning of the 20th century. This impacts the safety and privacy of the current farmers. This would impact our recreation of our children.

Decrease in land value: The establishment of this livestock operation could definitely Impact land value due to the objections outlined. Having industrial hog/mixed livestock operations in the area will also decrease the value of our property/home place. Not many buyers will be bidding on a home where there is the constant threat of odours from the barns, lagoon and spreading of manure. Who will compensate us for the loss?

OR

Increase in land value: This could potentially inflate land prices to be unattainable to the local individual farmers that do not have the cash flow of a large establishment such as the proposed colony.

Please take into consideration all these objections and concerns I have outline. I thank you for you time and attention in this very important matter.

Regards,

Debra Shumila (nee Golembioski)

Power of Attorney for Mary Golembioski

From: [Brittany Popiel](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 West Farm Colony Concern Letter
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Hello to whom it may concern,

I am writing you this letter today in order to address the concerns regarding the negative environmental expenditures and economic stress that the construction of the West Farm Colony, case TRC 12-088, would create to the RM of Brokenhead and its residents.

The new colony will create economic pressures to the RM of Brokenhead residents. With the construction of the new bridge to access the colony site, this will raise tax payers dollars with the initial construction of the infrastructure alongside the future inevitable maintenance expenses. To the best of my knowledge, all of the bridges within the RM of Brokenhead along highway 12 north were demolished and replaced with culverts to alleviate future financial obligations. To construct another bridge in the RM would contradict the bridge to culvert substitution efforts that took place within recent years.

With the construction of the new colony being on the Brokenhead River, it raises concerns regarding the ecosystem of the River that already is vulnerable. As per the construction plans, one of their livestock facilities is situated in a flood zone territory. Not only is there the potential for runoff but this also raises concerns as if a flood were to occur, the River would be contaminated with animal feces. This would lead to a significant population decrease amongst various aquatic species that are already struggling to remain dominant. As an individual who utilized the River for fishing it is also a tourist attraction in the summertime to the RM and the community of Beausejour. I am positive many individuals alongside myself and household would not want to utilize this water source if it's containments are positive with large quantities of livestock feces. The community would lose this attraction if the River were to be compromised further with animal feces. This would affect other ecosystems outside of the Brokenhead such as the RM of St. Clements, Brokenhead Objjway First Nation and Lake Winnipeg since the Brokenhead River affects these areas as the river flows through these locations.

Due to the operations of raising livestock, especially in large quantities that is illustrated and stated in the building plans, this will create a negative expenditure (ex; smell) to those who are situated close to the facilities and refrain others from wanting to live in the proximity and decrease the likelihood of growing the community. Efforts should be

directed towards expanding the community, not deterring individuals away from entering the RM. It is crucial for a community to take into consideration what efforts will deter economic growth within small communities in order to remain operational, feasible and existent.

The construction of the West Farm Colony, case TRC 12-088, would create economic hardships and environmental waste for the residents of the RM of Brokenhead and create negatives impacts to the surrounding areas. Although there are a significant amount of concerns, I hope you've taken the previous concerns stated in this email into consideration and reconsider this colony expansion project.

Best regards,

Brittany P.



SW24-14-7e

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Brittany Popiel

From: [Robyn Kintop](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farm
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January 22, 2022

Re: TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farms (NE 32-14-8E; NW 33-14-8E)

To whom it may concern,

I live in a home 2 miles from the proposed Westfarm Colony Farms. I enjoy helping my husband with with our grain farm while caring for our 3 young children. We are proud to be the 4th and 5th generation to farm the land and we invest every ounce of our livelihood into this family run farm. The long history of our farm makes us proud. We are concerned about the future of our family run farm and its well being with the proposed operation in close proximity to our home.

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the proposed Westfarm Colony Farms (TRC 12-088). I am opposed to this operation for many reasons, please find them listed below:

1. Due to unfair tax and labour advantage, Hutterites are able to pay above market value for land, driving local family operated farms out of market, ultimately out of business. Furthermore, once land is bought, it never becomes a traded commodity again.
2. The negative impact on the roads in the area will be considerable. Have you thought about the many repairs required to said roads due to maintenance and future development? I doubt the taxes paid by the colony will cover the costs to repair the surrounding roads. Not to mention the large trucks hauling livestock multiple times a day, causing significant deterioration to the infrastructure. With no direct access to the proposed Westfarm Colony, mile 82 bridge, provincial highway 317 and mile 44E will all have significantly more traffic.
3. I am concerned about wells drying up or water supply running low due to the high requirement needed for the new colony and many livestock operations proposed. Large farm operations use a lot of water, and nearby farms and neighbours are concerned for

their water supply as they have already seen a decrease in their supply with the drought of 2021 and recent years.

4. The excessive amount of manure spread on the fields could potentially lead to contamination of said water supply. Mostly concerning is a late thaw, early freeze up, or heavy rains, which could lead to contamination of our drinking water supply.
5. Open lagoons bring a smell to the community, attract flies and are a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The negative consequences of a large operation like this one far outweigh the benefit to our community. Instead of approving the Westfarm Colony Farm to expand, I urge you to focus on the small and sustainable farm operations that currently exist. The small, family run farms can make a difference to the productivity of our land, quality of our food, sustain our communities, and give us hope for a future for our children. I oppose the application for the Westfarm Colony Farm to be established at NE 2-14-8E and NW 33-14-8E (TRC 12-088).

Sincerely,

Robyn Kintop

Beausejour, MB (RM of Brokenhead)

From: [Amber Lubig](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088
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Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband (Amber & David Lubig), residents of Brokenhead ([REDACTED] SE of 1/4 3-15-7 EPM), to express our concerns with the proposed mixed livestock operation made by Westfarm Colony Farms as follows:

1. As we are sure you are aware, Manitoba had one of it's worst droughts in 2021 and the majority, if not all, of the surrounding area to the proposed site get their water from wells. The Colony has dug wells all down Mile 84N (across the highway from the proposed site) which we can only assume is to provide water for the proposed 1,583 animal units (and for the feed they grow in the fields). This means they will be taking the majority of the water available to us and our neighbours to use for their business. We do not believe that the water table here could handle that capacity.
2. The area in which the Colony has proposed is largely, if not entirely, residential properties wherein people enjoy being outdoors (gardening, motor sports, hiking, etc.). A farm the size they have proposed would generate a very strong stench for a large area outside their vicinity. As someone who has previously lived near a cow and pig farm, I can attest to the fact there are times when doing anything outside is out of the question because of how strong the smell truly is.

The fact that the Westfarm Colony has begun purchasing many properties in the area and are now proposing something that is not in the best interests of the community as a whole is concerning and disappointing. The community hopes that you will take into account our concerns.

Amber & David Lubig

From: [Darlene Gustafson](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088
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I am sending this email to oppose the proposed colony farm. The impact this will have on our property values and possible environmental impact are too great. This is a populated area and we don't want to have such a large animal farm so close to the many residents. Darlene and Lorrie Gustafson.

From: [Claudia Dumoulin](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088
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December 27,2021

Hello:

I am writing to you about my concern for this project. This is an extremely large operation that is quite close to the Brokenhead River. There are people that depend on the water for their businesses. I grew up on a Farm in this area and know well that accidents do happen. I believe that they are way too close to the water way. I have no problem for them to operate this operation anywhere else, but not so close to the river.

The smell of this operation also would be quite bad for the surrounding neighbors close and across the river.

I hope that you look into this a bit more before allowing this operation to materialize.

Yours truly

Claudia J. Chorney(Dumoulin)

From: [April kebernik](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 (Westfarm Colony Farms)
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Technical Review Coordination Unit

Municipal Relations

604-800 Portage Ave

Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

Re: Westfarm Colony Farms (TRC 12-088)

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to inform you of our opposition of the proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation for Westfarm Colony Farms in the Rm of Brokenhead at NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1.

We live and farm at SW 9-15-8E. Which is one mile north of the proposed site. We also own a ¼ section of land at **(NE 33-14-8E)** in the proposed section. As I went thru all the paperwork regarding this proposal, I came across our land being used in the Letter of Intent drawn up by the Consulting Engineers Burns Maendel. The Colony does not own that land and have no right to be using it in their information. There is NO potential sale from us regarding this land we still own, and farm said land. With said documentation I believe that this proposal is null and void due to incorrect and false information on this application. The application should be denied and asked to be resubmitted by the applicants. With a new letter coming out from TRC about sharing our views to the residents in the area. As well On the **Land Use Map** submitted it does not have all the residences marked within the circle. There are 8 residences missing from that map.

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Sincerely,

April Kebernik

From: [Kierra Kebernik](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-088 (Westfarm Colony Farms)
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Victor Robertson
Resident of Brokenhead
SW2 15 7E
Road 84N [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

The intent of this letter is to object in the strongest terms to the intended mixed livestock operation Westfarm Colony Farms. The water usage for such an operation cannot be supplied without harm to the aquifer and the waste cannot be properly managed without harm to the surrounding eco-system.

Victor Robertson

Resident of Brokenhead
SW2 15 7E
Road 84N [REDACTED]

From: [Mandy Robertson](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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Amanda Robertson
Resident of Brokenhead
SW2 15 7E
Road 84N [REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone

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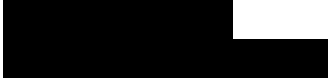
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SW2 15 7E
Road 84N [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



January 22, 2022

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB, R3G 0N4

Dear TRC:

Re: TRC 12-088

Here is what I understand has happened with respect to this file:

1. Greenland Colony Farms Ltd. has created Westfarm Colony Farms Ltd. to be a “daughter” Hutterite colony. The location is NE 32-14-8 E and NW 33-14-8 E.
2. The land required for the new colony has already been purchased.

Assuming that the purchase is not conditional upon the verbatim approval of this application, what is the point of the exercise?

Here are some observations from the *Site Assessment for Large Livestock Operation Proposals*:

1. (4.0) The project will take 20 years to “full build-out”.
2. (7.1) Almost 7 million Imperial gallons of water will be consumed annually.
3. (10.4) The setbacks from the Brokenhead River for the “Manure storage facility” and the “Confined livestock area” are 1,408m and 1,084m, respectively.
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5. (10.5) It is emphasized in red ink that “the site is near the flood hazard boundary of the Brokenhead River”.
6. (11.0) There will be no cover on the manure storage.
7. (11.0) Liquid manure will be agitated and spread on non-windy days.
8. (17.0) While the Conservation Data Centre identifies 5 “endangered”, “threatened” and “special concern” species no species permits are required.

The *Site Assessment* should really be entitled *Site Condemnation*:

1. **How many times in the next 2 decades will the TRC audit the colony?**
2. **Seven million free gallons of water for a commercial, profit-making proposition? This water belongs to Manitobans. What if it was oil?**
3. **Setbacks to the Brokenhead River are unconscionable.**
4. **Section 10.3 states that “mortalities” will be composted. So why is there no setback identified for the “Mortalities disposal site” and the “Mortalities composting site”?**
5. **How is it remotely possible that the TRC will approve of this proposition within the flood hazard boundary of the Brokenhead River. Because you will rely on a dike that will eventually fail?**

6. In 20 years of “full build-out” the colony cannot afford a lagoon cover? And the TRC is okay with this?
7. I am confused about how manure will be disposed. Section 11.0 indicates that it will simply be spread. Section 13.0 refers to both injection and broadcasting. If you do not insist on injection, spreading will dominate. Of course, nobody will audit, anyway.
8. What is the point of a taxpayer-funded Manitoba Conservation Data Centre if its “DATA” is ignored? This happens all the time in Manitoba’s environmental analysis. It has become tedious.

Here are some observations on the application and covering letter for a *Conditional Use Permit* requested from the Brokenhead River Planning District:

1. The land described as NW 33-14-8 E is zoned for 200 Animal Units.
2. An “intensive livestock operation” of 1,583 Animal Units is planned.
3. “The agricultural development ...will consist of... flood protection measures [and] drainage features.”
4. Westfarm Colony “will be compatible with the general nature of the surrounding area.”
5. Westfarm Colony “will not be detrimental to the health or general welfare of people living or working in the surrounding area, or negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area.”
6. “[I]ndustry best practices [will] ensure the health and wellness of the livestock as well as the residents of the community.”

In my experience, “Conditional Use Permits” are indulgences granted to special interests despite the ratepayers having spent countless hours in debate over “planning”, and having directed tens of thousands of dollars to consultants:

1. **Democratically informed decisions have concluded that 200 Animal Units are appropriate, but who cares now?**
2. **Then along comes one of those special interests to seek an 800% violation of what the residents and council decided what was appropriate.**
3. **The development is being proposed for a “basin” bounded by a river and 3 drainage canals. Ergo, the predictable “flood protection measures [and] drainage features”. This is not a “development”, it is a blunder.**
4. **It is disingenuous to suggest that the prior development of 4 other colonies makes the 5th compatible. It does not. It makes it repetitive.**
5. **This is wishful thinking that is beyond audit and enforcement.**
6. **The *Farm Practises Protection Act*” is what passes for “industry best practices” in Manitoba. Basically, it says “if it happens on a farm, it is a best practice”.**

The "Manitoba Conservation Data Centre" reported this:

1. "Within 2km of the footprint boundary" the "Threatened" Bobolink occurs.
2. "Monarch" butterflies, a now "Endangered" species, are found in a "broader area", but apparently within the scope of this development. So too, are 2 species of "Swallow" (both "Threatened") and the "Northern Leopard Frog" ("Special Concern").
3. The MCDC writes that its database should not be used as a "substitute for on-site surveys for species or environmental assessments".

The MCDC was created and is operated with taxpayer money. If it is worth our investment, it is worth pursuing its product with rigour:

1. **I have never seen a Bobolink. Have you?**
2. **However, I remember when my garden was alive with Monarchs and when the ground near the marsh on our land churned with Northern Leopard Frogs. Last summer we had 2 Monarchs and 2 Leopard Frogs.**
3. **I look forward to an independent "on-site survey for species [and] environmental assessments" as recommended by the MCDC, otherwise why are we still funding the MCDC? For developers, consultants and TRCs to use as boilerplate? And why are proposals such as this not subject to the *Environment Act*?**

Final Comments

I have watched in horror as my lovely province has been consumed by the annual production of 8 million hogs, tortured in confined settings. It is a process that sees our land and water despoiled while we export 95% of the pork, and keep 100% of the feces and urine. Poultry often suffers the same cruel fates while raised under the auspices of the *Farm Practises Protection Act*.

Westfarm Colony will damage the Brokenhead River. It is inevitable. And yet, there is nothing in this file that explains any Section 35 consultation with the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, a stone's throw away.

The USA has the world's highest food exports by dollar amount. Any idea who is second? The Netherlands. A country so tiny that it would sink in Lake Winnipeg. A lake being killed by the utterly primitive and cruel nature of agri-business in Manitoba and across the Prairies. Can we please develop better business plans?

Westfarm Colony confidently rolled the dice and acquired NE 32-14-8 E and NW 33-14-8 E to pursue its development goals. It fully expected the government approvals upon which its investment depended, and for which its consultant made pleadings. This is a perverse process. It is time that such speculation in the presence of democratically established land use rules, and common-sense environmental analysis, be kiboshed.

Yours truly,
C. Hugh Arklie
204-444-3213

PS...When I submit comments on Environment Act Proposals to the Environmental Approvals Branch they redact my contact information. Kindly do not do that. I want others to be able to contact me.

From: [Robyn K](#)
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To whom it may concern,

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The concern is the direct impact it will have on the environment including land rivers and air. It will also affect property values in all directions. The impact on the roads in the area will be significant.

Please consider what it would be like for you to spend time outside with your family but all you can smell is the odour from the intended livestock operation.

Please do the right thing. I strongly encourage you to deny this proposed livestock operation and Lagoon by Westfarm Colony Farms.

Sincerely,
Robyn Kebernik

From: [Garry Lentz](#)
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Garry Lentz

21-14-8 E1



Beausejour, Manitoba

January 21, 2022

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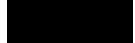
Kathleen Lentz

From: [Krystina Taylor](#)
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Louise Lentz
21-14-8 E1



Beausejour, Manitoba
January 21, 2022

Dear Members of the Technical Review Co-ordination Unit,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed multi-animal operation by the new Westfarm Colony (TRC 12-088) on section 33-14-8 E1 in the municipality of Brokenhead. I have many concerns with an animal operation of this size built near the river and our residences.

One of my primary concerns is the pungent odours emitted. At any given wind direction, there will be several residences negatively impacted. I understand that manure odour emissions can be controlled to a certain extent with the technology available today, but "none" is listed in the proposal for this operation. The reality is that odour caused by decomposing manure, rotting feed, and dead animals (composted) is typical of a large-scale animal operation.

These odours would undoubtedly lead to decreased quality of life and reduced property values for our area, permanently. We have several small businesses in the area that includes produce/food vendors that would be negatively affected by the smell. In addition, people like to visit the farm from which they buy produce. Having a large animal operation close to my farm would ruin my future of turning our family farm into Community Shared Agriculture for our community to benefit from buying farm-grown sustainably produced vegetables.

I am not against housing animals for food and understand how it is better economically for the greater community to have these businesses. A multi-animal operation would allow for the use of fertilizer on neighbouring fields. However, after many years it becomes a significant burden to the soil as phosphorus levels increase to greater levels than are needed for crop production.

I am not against having a livestock barn in the area, but I am against having a large animal operation of this size. I would like to see the animal units reduced significantly for this proposal.

Once built, this barn will remain there, not only for our lifetime but also for future generations. Therefore, please take our concerns seriously. This decision has the power to impact our quality of life and our children/grandchildren's future in this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Louise Lentz

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

January 22, 2022

Technical Review Coordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

Re: Westfarm Colony Farms – TRC 12-088

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I believe this will decrease the value of our property (who would purchase property a mile north of this operation with prevailing south winds in the summer).

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.



Ronald Shumila

January 22, 2022

Technical Review Coordination Unit
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Re: Westfarm Colony Farms – TRC 12-088

Please accept this letter as my formal objection to the above mentioned proposal by Westfarm Colony Farms (Greenwald Colony) to build a multipurpose barn for personal use, commercial production of broiler chickens and commercial production of hogs. My residence (NE 5-15-8E), is one mile North of the proposed site, as well as I own (and farm) farmland (NW 5-15-8E, SW 4-15-8E, SW 33-14-8E, SE 32-14-8E) around this proposed site, and object for the following reasons:

*With respect to Odour Control Measures (11.0 of the Site Assessment), Manure Transportation and Application Equipment (13.0 of the Site Assessment), I live in close proximity to the proposed site, and it is well known that hog manure can have quite an obnoxious smell, it concerns me that there is no requirement to have a cover on the lagoon. Westfarm Colony Farms proposes to apply manure in Spring and Fall, (Season of Application 13.1 of the Site Assessment) but of more concern is the stench during the summer months, when the weather is hot, and seeing as the lagoon is not covered, the manure will “cook” creating an even stronger odor.

*With respect to the Projected Truck Haul Routes and Access Points (14.0 of the Site Assessment) and Truck Haul Routes and Access Points map (SAA 39 of 65 with their proposal), it appears that the proposed route will cross the Brokenhead River. Currently, there is no bridge there, and a bridge will have to be erected. Has Water Stewardship been consulted in this regard? If the river rises and there is potential for inland flooding, properties south of this crossing risk being flooded. The Conservation report states that there are **two** threatened species, **one** endangered species and **one** species of special concern. Conservation has reported on the proposed site and close proximity, but there is no mention of how erecting a bridge, and possibly (further) disrupting the habitat of any of these species will be mitigated or prevented by Westfarm Colony Farms.

*Further to the above point, there is no timeline provided for when the bridge/crossing will be erected. This means, until this time, the only alternate route to haul feed/animals to/farm the Colony will be to use municipal roads. This past fall Manitoba Hydro had to put in power to the proposed site, and also had to use these same municipal roads. This resulted in the road, in front of my house being severely rutted and damaged. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of this? Additional traffic caused by the trucks, from not only hauling but also to bring in construction/building material will also cause significant dust; I don't feel that all the taxpayers in the RM should be responsible for damage or additional dust control that is not caused by them. Furthermore, I don't feel that I should have to pay for additional dust control application for something that is outside of my control.

*With respect to Water Requirements (7.1 of the Site Assessment) the maximum daily water usage is estimated at 18,988 Imperial Gallons just for the livestock. This does not include what will be consumed by the Colony members. A significant increase in water, such as this, has potential to impact my water supply, if the well is on the same vein as I am (or any of my neighbors).

Westfarm Colony Farms – TRC 12-088

*I have serious concerns about the value of my farmland, as well as my home, with the size of this livestock operation. It has been confirmed, in other RMs, that with the construction of livestock operations, property values have decreased.

Will their property taxes actually cover the extra road maintenance and repairs caused by the large increase in truck traffic? Will the roads safely handle the increase traffic? What about the dust control and the priority of farm equipment? Can the roads handle the weight of the big trucks during the building/construction stage, and then subsequently their regular operations? What about when Spring road restrictions are in place? What is their plan?

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Shumila". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "S".

Trevor Shumila

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Gwen Shumila

Westfarm Colony Farms – TRC 12-088

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Dear TRCU,

In the interests of background education for the affected public, please include this email as an addendum to my recent submission.

The public should know how intensive hog livestock operation came to lovely Manitoba. This is how: <https://environment.probeinternational.org/2005/07/20/political-pigsty/>

Kindly do not redact this. It is fundamental to the discussion before us. If Westfarm can be empowered by it, I can reveal it.

Yours truly,
C. Hugh Arklie
204-444-3213

This letter is written to express my concerns and opposition of the proposed mixed livestock operation for Westfarm Colony Farms in the RM of Brokenhead.

My name is Tamara Peitsch and I live on section SE29-14-8E. I have some concerns that I would like addressed regarding the proposal of this operation.

1. Safety

First thing to mention is the safety of all of the colony members especially the kids. Building a colony that is split by a well used municipal road raises safety concerns. Some of the current traffic that uses 44E will be carrying large loads making it impossible to stop for anyone running out in front such as a kid playing or trying to cross to the opposite side. This is not just a single family that lives on one side and works across on the other, this could be 100+ families. Essentially this would have the public driving through the middle of the colony. This is a major concern for the safety and well being of colony members and local traffic. I believe that even with a speed limit implemented in the area, there is still a large safety concern for everyone using 44E.

2. Water source

The proposed wells are located on NE35-14-7E and NW36-14-7E, which is approximately three miles away from the proposed mixed livestock operation site. This raises the question of why? Will our water still be safe once Westfarm is in operation, or even years down the road?

I am concerned for the ecosystem and local active wells that could be affected.

The amount of water that will be consumed yearly from this operation is approximately 31,500,000 litres per year before human consumption, which will follow once the colony gets underway. Multiple families have been affected by the drought like conditions we have had the past few years. The impact of a large operation is likely to have a negative affect on our water table in result.

2. Roads

There is no direct access to the proposed colony from the highway PTH 12. Currently you must take 4 miles of municipal roads, *or* 2 miles of PTH 317 and 2.5miles of municipal roads.

As per the truck haul route on [Site Assessment - For Large Livestock Operation Proposals \(gov.mb.ca\)](#) they would need to construct a bridge to cross the river, not one but *three* times that spans up to 0.5km long, which is all located in a low level area, prone to flooding. The bridge on mile 82N, is the only bridge within four miles of its self that crosses the Brokenhead river. It is one of few Brokenhead municipal bridges left allowing local traffic to access PTH 12 from the east side of the river.

Who will be paying for the extra road maintenance and/or bridge construction/maintenance in which will likely be solely used by the colony?

3. Property and value

With this operation is being proposed in a populated area with more than a dozen houses within close proximity to the location, the property value of those houses will be decreased, as it is undesirable to live by a hog barn in terms of odour. Many houses are owned by nonfarm families, in which they will see greater difficulties in getting a good value for their homes, come time to sell.

4. Land competition

I have seen one piece of land be owned by multiple families within the community over the years. Once traded into a colony, it never gets traded within the community again. With that said, the family farms simply can't compete with the financial standings of this corporation to stay competitive. This way of operating is detrimental to the survival of family farms and the *next generation of young farmers*. Will our children be able to take over the family farm and succeed in growth?

5. Environmental risk

The proposed location of the barns and lagoon are being built on the edge of a flood zone. In the past 50 years, there has been at least 2 major floods, and the proposed location was covered in water. Now imagine a new 64,278 head mixed livestock operation being added into the picture.

My thoughts are, why would you approve a *new* livestock operation this large in a known flooding area, when it could be easily set up on a low-risk area and further from our waterways.

In closing, I hope that each concern and comment from the community is carefully considered when making this tough decision.

Tamara Peitsch

From: [Bytes](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I am in opposition of the proposed livestock operation to be located on NE 32-14-8E and the proposed lagoon to be located on NE 33-24-8E by Westfarm Colony Farms.

The concerns I have are with the location being within a mile of a major waterway, namely the Brokenhead River. This proposed location has always been subjected to flooding in the past. This flooding can result in a compromising of the the proposed earthen manure storage facility and contamination of the waterway as well as the ground aquifer. The aquifer in the area is known to be shallow in depth by the number of overflowing farm and residential wells. Concern of the aquifer being contaminated is of great concern because of possible leakage from the lagoon as well as over application of the raw manure to the land. The proposed hog operation alone can contribute to the possible production of up to 100 000 hogs a year along with all the manure they produce, nevermind the other proposed livestock and the manure they produce. Along with this concern is the negative impact the the resulting smell from this commercial livestock operation will have on neighboring properties. The smell is overwhelming for a several miles radius and will have negative impact on property values as well as owners not being to enjoy their own outdoor recreation areas. The Colony is also going to be proposing the construction of all the support buildings as well the the future homes to house potential colony members which will require more sewage management and again with being so close to the Brokenhead River and the high water table a large concern of the areas drinking water supply. Another concern is all the extra traffic in the area making road travel dangerous for other residents who bike or walk along these country roads as well as the contribution of excessive dust which can contribute negatively to those who have allergies and asthma as well as those people trying to enjoy their outdoor time on their properties.

Please do NOT allow this application to proceed because of all the environmental concerns involved stated above as well as other concerns stated. All lagoons no matter how constructed will fail and cause irreversable damage to the areas drinking water supply.

Yours Sincerely,

James R. Kebernik , concerned Brokenhead area resident.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Michele Rowes](#)
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PM Rowes
Resident of Broken head
2.15.7 east
[REDACTED]-48 north

It has been brought to my attention on Jan. 17,2022 that there is plans for large and continuous amounts of well water to be removed from the mile I live on. The intention is to pipe the water to Westfarm colony farms approx. 3 1/2 miles from my home.this community proposes 64,275 animals and fowl aside from staff and families to support this proposed colony farm .

My first concern is the amount of water these animals and their caregivers and families will require, that is again 64,275 animals and fowl , all requiring water ,all piped from the wells on the mile I live on!this will unfairly deplete my water source .Will this leave me with no water? I can't sell and move at this point , I would have to disclose the plans of Westfarm community,no one wants to live in proximity to a huge pig barn !property values would fall! Many people would look elsewhere to buy a home.

My second concern is the disposal of the manure from so many animals and fowl , I am already aware of the stench of the repeated spreading of hog manure around us from Greenwald colony . I've had the stink so strong It lingered inside my new house for days !it is not trivial !This proposal requests permission for many more animals than Greenwald has! So close .

A lagoon wouldn't help ,they stink, they fail ,they need to be periodically pumped off, to where?

Please in closing , refuse this proposal . It is intrusive and damaging to our homes and our health ,our water ways and the community as a whole .Each home matters, let all new home owners respect that.

RE: TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farms

I would like to register my objection to *a proposed new Hutterite colony site expansion from the existing Greenwald Colony Farms and Phased construction of mixed livestock operations.* (4.0 Nature of the project)

The proposed Hutterite Colony and intensive livestock operations have immense water usage demands.

- Is technical information and data assessing impacts to the aquifer, surrounding residents, and the environment from the proposed water use not required for the technical review?
- Provide required Water Rights Licence.

The described land is zoned for 200 Animal Units. The proposed project seeks a conditional use approval for 1,583 Animal Units. This far exceeds zoning that was agreed upon by residents of the municipality.

By definition under The **Manitoba Drinking Water Safety Act**, **the proposed project would fall under a Public Water System and is regulated under the Drinking Water Safety Act and associated regulations.** The proposed project must meet all regulatory requirements, including requirements to obtain and maintain a licence to operate the system, and conduct routine assessments.

- Will the proposed project meet regulatory requirements?

Water is provided for the residential and intensive livestock operations by wells that are located 4 & 5 sections to the west of the proposed project. The Brokenhead River will be crossed by the water pipeline(s).

- What federal and provincial permits are required to cross the River?

The provided site plan is not indicative of the entire proposed development.

- Please provide details on the 150 residential units; cattle paddock; berm locations.
- Provide the water pipeline routes.
- Provide the wastewater route to the domestic lagoon.

The storage lagoon will not have a cover but shelter belts will be used to suppress odour. Covered lagoons provide more odour suppression than shelter belts.

- Request the use of both a cover and shelter belts to suppress odour.
- How is the proposed domestic lagoon handled? Broadcast onto fields or funnelled into the municipal drain leading to the Brokenhead River?
- Will on-site certified water and wastewater personnel be required for the proposed project?
- Request an environmental baseline for the Brokenhead River and the main ditch leading to the River that is adjacent to the proposed lagoons, that a record be kept and made publicly available.

The manure spread fields map shows *truck haul route* access onto PTH 12.

- Is there also a proposed bridge spanning the Brokenhead River to allow for this route?

The map also indicates spread fields outside of the municipality, 3 to 6 miles north of the proposed site and near the existing and connected Greenwald Colony Farms.

- Are the manure spread fields now only for the exclusive use of the proposed project operations?
- Please provide manure agreements for all spread fields.

Agitate and spread liquid manure on non-windy days (11.0).

- Please indicate how this will be successfully monitored and enforced? Through complaints?
- Specify “non-windy days”.

Liquid manure disposal is by both spreading (11.0) and injection and broadcasting (13.0). **More details are required for disposal of all forms of proposed intensive livestock manure and human effluent and mortalities disposal and composting sites.**

The proposed project is requesting a multiyear phased conditional use order to “*allow the colony to grow and expand at a pace based on population growth and market conditions.*” Growth and expansion must be in balance with the natural environment.

- Request an environmental baseline and regular monitoring of the River and drainage ditches; information be recorded, maintained, and publicly available for the proposed project.
- **How does this proposed project meet Lake Winnipeg nutrient reduction targets?**

Further downstream of the proposed project and associated impacts is the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation.

- Has consultation taken place?

The proposed site is in the Brokenhead River flood hazard boundary. The plan indicates “*flood protection berms will be designed by and implemented under the supervision of an engineer registered to practice in the province of Manitoba.*” Engineer design specifications and standards have not been adapted to address the changing climate and resultant intense weather events. The proposed engineered berms may not be capable of flood protection and thus unable to protect the environment, public health, and safety.

- Will berms be built with engineer design specifications that reflect new climate and weather conditions?
- How will these berms interfere with natural water drainage for the surrounding area?

The Manitoba Conservation Data Center identified 5 rare species within 2 km of the proposed project. The proponent’s consultant, in correspondence with John Dunlop, Senior Permits Officer with Canadian Wildlife Service determined “*no endangered species permits are required for the proposed development at the site. Correspondence has been included in Site Assessment Appendices - Page 64 of 65.*” (17.0) The correspondence states “*there are no known nests in this cropland and the development therefore will not be directly impacting the residences of the species, there is no need to obtain permits to allow these activities at this location for this project.*” Birds do indeed reside in nests but they, like other species, move about within their home range in search of sustenance. This home range is important for survival. Surely this home range is included as their “residence”. The increased human and livestock presence and

industrial activity from the proposed project (24/7, noise, light, diesel fumes, agricultural spraying, fertilizers, ammonia, pesticides, herbicides, rolling out hoses through culverts across land and ditches, tilling, seeding, harvesting, etc.) will severely impact the residences of the 5 rare species.

- Will a conversation directly between provincial and federal regulatory bodies be conducted to disclose all activities and impacts associated throughout the entire proposed project areas?
- Will an on site survey for species including aquatic species found in the Brokenhead River be conducted?
- Will an environmental assessment be conducted?

The proposed project is missing important information to fully assess all effects. This is a major residential, intensive livestock, and industrial proposed project that will impact a sizeable amount of land, air, and water, our life support system. The associated risks to groundwater, a major river system, the environment, surrounding residents and endangered and rare species, indicates the need for a comprehensive environmental review that takes into account all effects and cumulative impacts.

This proposed project as presented will have negative impacts to the environment and to our health and welfare. This and the conditions that animals are subjected to in intensive livestock operations are not something that I can support.

Please do the right thing and reject the application.

Sincerely,

Tangi Bell

January 22, 2022

The Province of Manitoba
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Re: TRC 12-088 WestFarm Colony Farms

Please accept this as written objection to the proposed mixed livestock operation in the RM of Brokenhead, NE32-14-8E, located 2 miles from our home property. I understand the need for agricultural operations, as we ourselves are farmers and intent to convey no disrespect or malice to the Colony and its members with this objection.

Personal environmental concerns include the deterioration of air quality, compromise to the ground well water and possible pollution to the Brokenhead River from the prospective lagoon and manure storage sites.

We currently are neighbouring the Greenwald Colony, 3 miles to the north, and with the proposed WestFarm Colony Farms location being 2 miles south, our home and many other homes and businesses will be surrounded by a concentration of poor air quality.

Alternative options, utilizing other land owned by the Colony, in areas with fewer effects on the river, residents and businesses should be reviewed. With the very limited interaction with community businesses or community activates, an alternative location would be inconsequential to the Colony's wellbeing.

Sincerely

Karen Kaminski

January 22, 2022

Gabrielle Lafrenière

RR#2

mile Rd 45E

Beausejour Manitoba

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Thirdly, our water source is an artesian well. There is a much higher probability that the wells in the area will get polluted with the construction of an industrial farm of this size. The production of 50 000 broiler chickens (which are butchered every 3 months means the number of chickens for the year would be closer to 200 000 chickens), the 11 000 laying hens, and 950 sows along with their piglets makes for a great potential of pollution. Will the earthen manure storage structure include measures to protect surface water quality by managing runoff on the site? Will the storage structure be located in an area free from collecting surface runoff? Will the earthen manure storage structure location and design include provisions for accidental overtopping or spills such that all liquids are contained on the livestock operation site and no manure enters a drainage channel or depression that may carry surface water to the river? The Conceptual Site Plan C1.1 does not indicate any of the already existing drainage ditches. This concerns me because the major drainage ditch on the North side of the property and along Mile Rd

84 drains directly into the Brokenhead River. What guarantees are there in place that this ditch will not carry any contamination to the river? What guarantee is there that the wells in the area along with the aquifers will be safe to use in the years to come? We believe that there is a much higher risk of contamination and pollution with the magnitude of this proposed establishment. Furthermore, the amount of water needed to run an operation of this magnitude, 18 998 imperial gallons a day as stated in section 7.1 Water Requirements of the Site Assessment, will definitely have an effect on the aquifer and may cause wells to produce less water or to dry up. If this happens, this will incur an extra expensive costs for the residents of this area.

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Our last concern is the noise pollution. An operation of this magnitude will cause extra noise at all hours of the day and night. There will be the barn exhaust fans, the heavy equipment, the feed mill, the grain cooling fans, the manufacturing plants etc. We have already experienced some of the noise pollution due to 4 very large grain bins being installed on this exact site. The fans/engines of the augers are very loud and do disrupt our quiet peaceful spring, summer and fall evenings and nights.

In closing I fail to see how this proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation Westfarm Colony Farms (TRC 12-088) in this area would be beneficial to our family and community. I predict it will negatively impact the water supply, the air quality, the natural waterways and our property value. An establishment of this magnitude will deter future independent farmers and new residents from settling in the area. It will negatively impact the quality of life for the current residents.

A concerned resident,

Gabrielle Lafrenière

January 22, 2022

Guillaume Lafrenière

██████ RR#2

██████ mile Rd 45E

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A concerned resident,

Guillaume Lafrenière

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In reference to the above proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation by Westfarm Colony Farms, my wife and I have some concerns as listed below:

1.

An operation totalling 1,583 Animal Units is incompatible with existing adjacent land uses in this proposed farm area which is used as cropland.

2.

There is a potential of decreased land values and decreased quality of personal outdoor enjoyment resulting from the intense odors generated by prevailing southwest winds that normally pollute the air from confined livestock operations of this large proportion. Contrary to the Site Assessment submitted by Westfarm Colony Farms re: **11.0 Odor Control Measures (project site) Other measures** "to agitate and spread liquid manure on non-windy days", the average daily wind speed from January 01 to December 31 in the R.M. of Brokenhead is 15km/h with zero history of any non-windy days.



3.

There will also be an increase in traffic flow resulting in further road-dust control management and increased wear on existing municipal roads. **The 14.0 Projected Truck Haul Routes and Access Points** does not accurately reflect

all the traffic that will result due to this proposed livestock operation i.e. "1 x weekly for Truck and 3 x weekly for Tractor Trailer". Traffic due to maintenance and care for the Livestock Operation has not been factored in, nor indicated in that table.

4.

Any expansion in the proposed Animal Unit operation will result in increased detriments due to intense odors, decreased quality of personal outdoor enjoyment, increased traffic flow, dust-management control, and increased wear on municipal roads. As a result of the wear on Municipal roads, more Municipal maintenance will be required and could result in higher property taxes.

5.

If this proposal is approved, it could result in unfair increased property values for any existing Individual/Corporate Agriculture Producers to purchase any future agriculture land parcels in the surrounding area who require Financing Approval, and are now competing with Westfarm Colony Farms that have access to communal funds (i.e. "name-your-price practices"). Unfortunately this would result in the demise of the Family Farm as Colony-owned agriculture land remains Colony-owned forever.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Roger Kintop & Sheila Kintop
DES NW8-15-8E

R & S Kintop Farms Ltd. - Roger Kintop, President
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I am writing in opposition to the proposal for a livestock operation to be established by Westfarm Colony Farms at NW 1/4 33-14-8 E1. This amount of livestock housed with little to no regard for their well being and the accompanying waste (not just manure but the proposed abattoir and incinerator) along with the amount of water required to sustain the livestock is unacceptable in terms of the negative environmental impact on the surrounding land, air and waterways.

Sincerely
Anessa Maize

Sent from my iPhone

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In respect to TRC 12-088, this letter is written to express my concerns and opposition of the proposed mixed livestock operation for Westfarm Colony Farms in the RM of Brokenhead. My name is Shania Smorang and I live on section SW26-14-8E. My boyfriend and I help manage his family's 4th generation grain farm. Together we share a passion for farming and are looking forward to our future within the agriculture community as young farmers.

Since the proposal of this operation, I have had some concerns that need to be addressed.

1. Water source

The amount of water that will be consumed yearly from this operation is 31,523,523 litres per year. This number is not including any human consumption. This is a large amount of water consumption per year for one operation. Based on the numbers provided in the site assessment supporting documents "Water Requirement Calculation Table", my family uses 431,797.6 litres of water per year. This includes human and animal consumption. Meaning this operation will be using 98.6% more water than me and my family. With that much water being used yearly, multiple families will be affected and see their water table drop when the wells are drilled, and the operation is in full swing.

2. Roads

With no direct access to the colony from highway 317 or 12, the traffic will be increased affecting the road quality on mile 44E and 82N. In the spring and summer our roads are not the greatest and that's with heavy equipment travelling on them daily. Adding a large operation with multiple trucks going in and out every day is going to significantly change our road quality for the worse. On top of the road quality, construction of a bridge is being proposed on mile 84N. Who will be paying for the extra road maintenance and bridge construction/maintenance?

3. Property value & odour

With this operation being proposed in a populated area with more than a dozen houses within close proximity to the location, the property value of those houses will be decreased, as it is undesirable to live by a hog barn in terms of odour.

4. Land competition

By allowing a big corporation such as Westfarm Colony Farms to expand more into this area, it puts a strain on smaller farmers in terms of land competition. Land is a hot commodity and generally, one piece of land can be owned by multiple families within the community over the years. Unfortunately, this is not the case when land is traded to a large corporation such as this. Once traded, it will never be traded within the community again. With that said, the smaller farms simply can't compete with the financial standings of this corporation to stay competitive. This way of operating is detrimental to the survival of small farms and the next generation of young farmers.

5. Environmental risk

One of my biggest concerns about this proposal is the location of everything in respect to the river. The location of the barns and lagoon are being built on the edge of a flood zone. In 1974 and 1997, the river flooded, and the proposed location was covered in a sea of water. Now imagine a mixed

livestock operation being added into the picture. The water pollution from the lagoon will be detrimental to our aquatic ecosystem mainly through phosphorus contamination. It takes 0.05mg of phosphorus per litre of water to create an algae bloom. These blooms in turn are harmful to human and aquatic life. This information is not new and has been a growing problem in Lake Winnipeg. I am aware that berms will be built on section NE-32-14-8E to help alleviate this issue, but I believe that if you have to implement flood protection, then you shouldn't be building in that location considering there are many other low risk areas that can be built on. Especially with this big of an operation that will produce an abundance of manure.

So, my question is, why allow this proposal to continue when there has been history of land flooding in that location, and we are aware of the potential environmental risks?

In closing, I hope that each of the comments from the community are carefully considered when making this decision.

Sincerely,

Shania Smorang

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In respect to TRC 12-088, this letter is written to express my concern and opposition to the mixed livestock operation.

My name is Jesse Gmiterek and together my family and I operate a small grain and livestock operation on NE-22-14-8E.

The proposed site is within close proximity to many houses. The odor produced from this operation will be awful and even some days unbearable. Of course, the wind will be in our favor some days, but I can't say the same for my neighbors. This will also negatively affect our property value as no one wants to live close to a hog barn specifically because of the odor.

Currently our gravel roads do not withstand the traffic from the community in the spring and summer. By adding extra trucks that will be continuously hauling, the roads will be destroyed and then who will pay for this extra maintenance? From their location, they will have two options for travel off highway 317 (road 44E) and 12 (road 82N). In the spring, highway 317 is restricted to 65% so they will have to travel down mile 82N heading towards 12. Here they need to cross the bridge which has not been given a max ton sign and an inspection should be done. With the increased volume of traffic and heavy vehicles, this bridge can quickly become damaged and unusable. Even with the proposed construction of a new bridge on mile 84N for direct access to highway 12, who will be paying for the initial build of the bridge along with the upkeep and maintenance?

My greatest concern is the Brokenhead River which is located just west of the proposed site. In the past, the river has flooded nearby parcels of land not once, but twice. Who is to say it won't happen again? With their barns and lagoon being planned on the edge of a flood zone, it is a disaster waiting to happen.

The problem with a livestock operation being so close to the river, is the potential risks involved with phosphorus contamination into the water. When introduced into a body of water, it creates algae blooms which affects aquatic and human life.

The river is also recreationally used by canoers, tubers, and fishermen all summer long who won't appreciate the smell of manure while trying to enjoy a nice summer day.

With all the environmental issues in our world today, I believe the planning of this operation has gone terribly wrong regarding the location.

When the time comes to decide on this proposal, please think of the surrounding residences who will have to live next to this operation, as well as the environmental concerns.


Thank you for your time and consideration,

Prairie View Ranch Ltd.

Allegra, MB

January 22, 2022

Florence Mamrocha

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Beausejour, Manitoba

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To Technical Review Co-ordination Unit,

This email is regarding the "Share Your Views" concerning the proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation Westfarm Colony Farms **TRC12-088**

Without prejudice, discrimination or rejection of races.

This is my opinion regarding the above proposal:

- As for the last twelve years I have been residing here (mile 82 lot 43078) we have been enjoying of good, clean air without heavy smells. As per this proposed operation and the extent of the project, in my opinion it will affect and contribute to air pollution. This establishment will be north from where the wind is always blowing from. If such operation is established and the air quality degrades as I have witnessed of certain areas, I will be forced to sell and relocate residence.

It is quite unfortunate of my personal opinion because I understand that we need development to continue but first is the health and the well being of the community.

Sincerely,

Freddy and Devorah Posadas

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Technical Review Coordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Ave
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Re: Westfarm Colony Farms (TRC 12-088)
To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to inform you of our **opposition** of the proposed establishment of a mixed livestock operation for Westfarm Colony Farms in the Rm of Brokenhead at NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1. We live and farm at SW 9-15-8E. Which is one mile north of the proposed site. We also own a ¼ section of land at **(NE 33-14-8E)** in the proposed section. As I went thru all the paperwork regarding this proposal, I came across our land being used in the Letter of Intent drawn up by the Burns Maendel Consulting Engineers LTD. The Colony does not own that land and have no right to be using it in their information. There is NO potential sale from us regarding this land we still own, and farm said land. With said documentation I believe that this proposal is null and void due to incorrect and false information on this application. The application should be denied and asked to be resubmitted by the applicants. With a new letter coming out from TRC about sharing our views to the residents in the area. As well On the **Land Use Map** submitted it does not have all the residences marked within the circle. There are 8 residences missing from that map.

Within the proposed section we own a ¼ section of land in which our daughter has talked about building a house in the future. With this operation being built that will not be an option for her anymore due to the possible adjacent hog facility. Having Northwest winds will be impossible to live there with all the stench from manure and rotten carcasses.

Although there are regulations regarding the management of manure, there is no avoiding polluting the air with highly offensive, irritating, and potentially disease producing gases that just do not exist with small farm operations. There is a lack of proposed handling of manure and its effect on surrounding water courses and lakes particularly regarding season handling. Waste can be used as fertilizer, but it cannot be spread over the same land frequently. You can only disperse so much before the saturation will destroy soil quality and crops will not grow. It can also have fall or spring run off if not worked in. If we have a heavy snowfall in winter the runoff could be atrocious and this will, all run off into the Brokenhead river. The project site plans indicate there will be a shelterbelt around the barns. Currently there are no trees on this property. What kind of trees will be planted? How many years will it be before

the shelterbelt is effective? What will be done to ensure the lagoons are being operated and maintained in accordance with provincial guidelines? With an open lagoon this will bring in more predators into the area than we already have. We will not necessarily be able to walk or bike down our road as some of these animals can come out at daytime. The proposed area is a higher risk flood area as well.

I am concerned about the impact on this scarce resource for neighbouring farms and communities. No supporting documentation was provided showing well testing results, specifically well drawdown figures. It may be assumed that climate warming may decrease the water supply to the aquifers in this area. Water quantity for this proposal is inaccurate. The colony will be drawing more water in as the numbers of the animals are not correct. When they say they are going to have 50,000 broiler birds that amount will triple or quadruple in the year. These birds get slaughtered every 2-3 months. The hogs 950 sow for farrow to finish. This number could be 10 times the amount as these hogs have litters. So, the 6,934,343 gallons of water being used will be much more than stated. Plus, all the people living in the communal housing area. In the proposal it also states that the animals will be used for personal use in my opinion there is no way that many animals can be consumed for personal usage.

Constant road use leaves dust travelling several miles and makes lives difficult for anyone with asthma and other lung related illnesses. Who is going to pay for the dust control down our road every year and not just in front of our houses the miles from the highway to the colony will need to be dust controlled. Who is going to upgrade and maintain the roads because of the increase of traffic? This will not just be cars and trucks travelling down the gravel roads you are looking at semi after semi traveling down these backroads. Especially in the spring when roads are soft, will the RM be here grading down these roads as this much traffic causes high piles in the center of the road and is impassible to small, low vehicles. The residents of the RM are going to have increased taxes due to this extra cost? We like to bike and walk down our road but with all this extra traffic we will not be able to with the heavy trucks barreling down our road and throwing rocks at us. On the [Spreadfield Map](#) it shows a bridge going from the proposed site to Highway 12N. There currently is no bridge there and is a dead-end road coming from the East going West. Who is going to pay for 3 bridges to be put in as the river winds 3 times at that location? Again, who pays for these bridges?

Smell is a major concern. No number of trees will eliminate the odor. The Greenwald colony has pig barns at there colony already and when we get a Northwest wind, we have that smell in our yard. Now we will be getting smell from both locations which they are only 9 km away from each other. There are 18 families that live within the 2-mile radius of this proposed project. With many more in the 3-mile radius. Odour pollution and the negative impact to air quality is a major concern for our community. What will be done to ensure smells are contained or controlled to levels that are acceptable to homeowners? The smell could have major impact on ones mental and physical health.

Our land value will decrease with such an operation near our farm. If we ever must sell no one will ever want to purchase a farm in close proximity to such a big operation. What will be done

to prevent property values from dropping? Why is there another colony even being proposed so close to another one? Why not just add on to the existing colony? Why build so close in proximity to a river when there is so many of these acres that are already in proximity of the established colony?? There are full sections that they own and are not near bodies of water. Why not build there??

I understand that a public hearing will be held if there is opposition to the proposed operation. This needs to wait until we can gather in a large enough venue to be safe, and no restrictions restrict us and certainly not by Zoom. Having a hearing in this or any other manner than in person is inherently unfair to those opposing the proposition. It is hard to put trust in the people in charge of this venture when there has not been transparency to all affected. In summary I am totally opposed to the proposed operation for all the reasons stated above.

Trust, respect, and open communication among all stakeholders is an essential when building a strong community. Hidden agendas, disregard of local residents' concerns and questions, and twisted words do not promote any type of positive community building.

Greenwald Colony is a large Farm the profit they make from this operation will not be spent in this community supporting our local businesses. They will be paying minimal tax dollars to the local RM, while the residents of Brokenhead municipality subsidize the cost of the operation by having to pay more tax dollars to fix our roadways.

In closing, I wish to reiterate that we ARE NOT in favor of the proposal of the establishment of an operation mixed livestock (TRC 12-088) at NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1.

Sincerely,

Owen Kebernik

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

To reject proposal of TRC 12-088

TRC 12-088

Mixed livestock and commercial operation

NW ¼ 33-14-8E

From Lorraine Gray (NW ¼ 32-14-8E) [REDACTED]

Box 1891 Beausejour MB R0E 0C0

Email – [REDACTED]

We purchased NW ¼ 32-14-8E in 1996. In 1997 we were flooded and were told the flood covered approximately 3 miles east of mile 43E. Since we have lived here the water has come up the bank to land level twice, covering the sloped flood plain on the east side a good distance. I was also told that this property flooded in 1977 but with little damage. Climate change is uncertain at this time. We could end up having another flood like we did in 1997.

Another concern is the manure management.

- *Please ref to Burns Maendel letter of intent Page 2 of 4-2nd paragraph. - All livestock operations proposed will require the additional environmental approvals, and that separate approvals are required for the earthen manure storage facility and domestic lagoon.*

Drainage **WHY & WHERE?**

- *Please ref to Burns Maendel letter of intent Page 4 of 4.*
- *Site Flood Protection - Flood protection measures in the form of flood protection **berms may be established** to meet the By-law requirements of protection to the design flood elevation plus appropriate freeboard. Flood protection measures will be designed by a professional engineer licensed by Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba with consultations and input from a*

geotechnical engineer. **Berms are only as good as built, maintained, and inspected.**

- This type of operation should not be built on a flood plain.

- Land zoned A80 access to PTH 12 – **NO DIRECT ACCESS**

- *The location of the Westfarm Colony Farms development is an ideal site for the new community and its supportive operations, due to its zoning designation, access to PTH 12, and the nature of the surrounding area. Greenwald Colony Farms Ltd, (the parent colony) from which Westfarm Colony Farms will be established, currently owns and farms 9200 acres in close proximity to the site. (page 2 of 4, paragraph 5)*
- Development barns on NW corner – **WHAT SECTION?**

Development Plan

*Subsection 4.1.6 Non-Agriculture Uses allows certain non-agriculture commercial and industrial uses in the AG policy areas with parcel sizes limited to avoid wasting agricultural lands. **Locating the barns towards the northwest corner of the parcel (What section/Parcel?)** means the land is not being fragmented. Only as the individual barns are approved for development will farmland be taken out of production.*

Westfarm Colony Farm TRC 12-088

- Conditional page 3 of 4, paragraph 1 –

It will not be detrimental to the health or general welfare of people living or working in the surrounding area, or negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area.

I totally disagree.

I live right across the river on mile 43E. (Ref map 2A of 4). I was told there should be 1 to 2 miles distance between neighbors for this type of operation. This is basically a commercial & feeder operation. It does not give enough information on the commercial aspect of the operation. It gives the minimum

number but not maximum of livestock (for example – Broiler chickens 50,000 a year or more. Hogs – farrow to finish 1 litter a year or more).

- I do not know about the livestock / human waste units or water consumption (which I also have a concern about for the livestock). I believe the waste unit stated in the “Clipper” newspaper pertained only to the livestock

- ***NW ¼ 33-14-8E – 1583 animal units***

- 50,000 Chickens
- 11,000 Layers
- 1500 Turkeys
- 800 Ducks
- 25 Feeders
- 950 Hogs

- What would happen if this colony gets approved?
- what will prevent them from increasing the number of livestock?
- If this happens than the waste units in TRC 12-088 listed in the newspaper would be incorrect.
- How many people will also be living on the colony?

- An operation of this size will affect the outcome of **OUR** lifestyle with noise, smell, and possible pollution. It will also affect our property values.

We received information from the RM of Brokenhead on Dec 23, 2021. The office was closed from Dec 24, 2021 to Jan 4, 2022, most places were closed during the holiday. The response time for this has to be in on or before Jan 24, 2022. We had only 20 days to prepare and

respond, whereas I saw a submission date for the conditional use on April 27, 2021 (8 months).

If I have misunderstood anything listed in this document, I apologize now.

Lorraine Gray.



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January 18, 2022

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To whom it may concern

In reference to the establishment of a mixed livestock operation Westfarm Colony Farms, these are our opinions and concerns.

This is a flood area along the Brokenhead River and has been flooded many times over the years. In 1997 this area was under water for three miles including the property of the proposed livestock operation.

In reality this would be an environmental issue including water, soil and air pollution. The Brokenhead River flows through our property half a mile north of the proposed operation.

Further more we are against this proposal for those reasons.

Sincerely

Paul and Connie krawchuk

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Sent from my iPad

Comments re: Westfarm Colony Farms- (TRC 12-088)

E. Pip, BSc (Hons.), PhD

I wish to register my **objection** to this application.

My reasons are:

1. While the proposed operation is presented as a new operation, it is essentially a large expansion of the adjacent Greenwald Colony, and will substantially amplify the existing environmental effects of the latter.
2. The operation straddles the **flood hazard boundary for the Brokenhead River**. Local residents indicate that the proposed site flooded in 1997. With accelerating climate change, such events are expected to reoccur more frequently.
3. A berm is proposed. Where exactly would this berm be placed (along the property line?), how long would it have to be, and how high? Where would it be in relation to the shelterbelt?

Conversely, a berm will hold back runoff and spring meltwater. How will this affect surface pooling and overland flooding on the east (inland) side of the berm? Furthermore, impoundment of overland floodwaters will pose a groundwater contamination hazard, as these highly contaminated waters will percolate into the unconfined aquifer below. The barns/lagoons may stand in/be surrounded by water in spring and after storm events. How will this be prevented?
4. NW 33-14-8E is zoned for 200 animal units; the application indicates 1583 animal units.
5. The operation will place a substantial demand on groundwater in the broader region, that must be considered **in addition** to the already existing demands of the adjacent colony and other users. The Water Requirement Calculation Table does not take into account additional industrial/agricultural requirements such as washing farm vehicles and field machinery, filling agricultural chemical spray tanks, garden irrigation (to provide produce for 150 people), cooling/air conditioning of buildings and residences, etc.).
6. The proposed operation is planned for NW 33-14-8E. **The wells are on sections removed some distance from the operation, and are on the other (west) side of the Brokenhead River AND Highway 12** (NE 35-14-07 E1, NW 36-14-07 E1).

-This impacts another area and another set of affected residents. The water needs of these residents must be considered, especially in seasons of low water table and low flow in the Brokenhead River. **Has modeling been conducted to estimate changes in available drawdown for surrounding wells?** How large an area will be impacted? What is the hydrogeology of the area?

-Why do the location and land use maps decline to show the wells? The application does not describe them. The quarters indicated above are private lands. Are the wells in the municipal ditch? What is the bore diameter? What is the depth of the wells? How far apart are they? What aquifer is being tapped? What is the yield capacity? Why are the well permits and results of pumping tests not included in the documentation?

-How secure are the wellheads from: ditch flooding, misadventure due to farm, machinery, ditch mowing and spraying, ATVs, snowmobiles, vandalism and tampering?

-How will the water be piped and where exactly will the pipes be located?
In municipal ditches? Do these ditches carry water/flood? What is the specific route?

-The pipe will have to cross Highway 12.

-The pipe will have to cross the Brokenhead River.

7. The water that will be extracted would normally have contributed recharge to the **Mars Hills**. Has a study been done to evaluate the impact of diversion of this amount of groundwater on the wildlife and ecological integrity of the Mars Hills?

8. The large demand for water by the operation presents yet another concern. Artesian conditions exist in the area of the two drilled wells. The residence across from the wells at 2-15-7E currently has a **flowing well**. Removal of large amounts of water will contribute to a loss of head in the neighbor's well, and the well may stop flowing. Has this issue been considered? How will the neighbor be compensated?

9. Who will monitor and enforce compliance regarding number of animal units on the premises?

10. A large amount of manure will be generated. The application indicates that an earthen manure storage lagoon will be used. This type of construction elicits several concerns:

- All clay liners leak.
- What is the emergency response plan/containment measures in the event of overflow or rupture?
- How close to the surface is the water table at the site? There is no hydrogeological documentation.
- How will neighboring wells be protected: A) from drawdown, especially in drought years, and B) from contamination, i.e. nitrogen, pathogens and heavy metals?

11. The **earthen storage lagoon will not have a cover**. Why? Odors in the area are already a concern from neighbors. The current proposal will magnify this problem. Livestock odor tends to travel in concentrated plumes near the ground (Tyndall and Coletti, 2007). These operations can be smelled kilometers away downwind.

A variety of offensive odor compounds are present in livestock waste, including toxic substances such as ammonia and hydrogen sulphide (Mackie et al., 1998). Odor from intensive livestock production facilities has been demonstrated to have significant adverse effects on human health (e.g. Donham, 2000; Lim et al., 2001; Schiffman and Williams, 2005; Wing et al., 2008). Numerous volatile compounds such as odoriferous fatty acids and phenols are also present. Odor substances may also be associated with dust particulates and aerosols originating from disturbance of livestock waste (Mackie et al., 1998).

The application indicates that shelterbelts will be the only mitigation. Any effectiveness of shelterbelts in odor reduction is partial and site specific. According to Tyndall and Coletti (2007):

- shelterbelts are more effective for odor associated with dust particulates than volatile gaseous compounds
- density of tree growth (i.e. species such as conifers) influences wind penetration
- number of rows of trees is important
- gaps in shelterbelts reduce effectiveness
- trees take a long time to grow and mature
- location and design of the plantings is critical
- shelterbelts require care and maintenance, disease control, replacement of dying and storm-damaged trees

The proponent does not indicate which tree species are planned. The site map suggests two rows and the symbols imply two different species.

Even with the best and most mature shelterbelts, odor is not mitigated as well as using a cover.

Odor will also be an issue not only for the operation site, but for the many neighbors around all of the scattered manure spread fields, which include several municipalities: Brokenhead, St. Clements, Lac du Bonnet. Therefore residents of several municipalities will be impacted. These residents should be informed of the proposal and should have an opportunity to respond.

12. Dust containing microbial endotoxins from confined animal facilities may sicken neighbors (Von Essen and Auvermann, 2005).

13. Field storage of manure is also indicated. There is no further information regarding what exactly this means in the context of the present application. Table 10-4 does not show what the setback distances will be. On what parcels will the field storage be located? How long will the storage last? What time of the year will storage occur? How much manure will be stored? Will it be covered?

14. Manure will be spread in spring and fall, when runoff conditions are greatest, and there are no crops to take up the nutrients. Fall rainfall has been demonstrated to exacerbate nutrient and pathogen escape from fields into the Brokenhead River from an operation in Springfield (Pip and Reinisch, 2012).

15. According to the Spreadfields Map, a number of the fields are located adjacent to drains which empty into the Brokenhead River. The Manure Application Field Characteristics Table indicates only **3 m setbacks from drains**. It is inevitable that nutrient escape from fields during wet conditions will travel to the river. Streams that are classified as “intermittent” appear to be grouped with ditches: they may accumulate nutrients and pollutants which can be carried downstream when they are in spate.

16. The Soil Test Report indicates a **high concentration of copper in the samples**. According to Yin et al. (2017), “Copper is one of the most abundant heavy metals present in swine manure.” Copper is added to swine feed because it promotes optimal growth. However livestock and poultry excrete up to 95% of the copper they ingest (Xiong et al., 2010 in Yin et al., 2017). Therefore manure contains high concentrations of copper, as well as other metals. This can have adverse effects on the environment. Yin et al. (2017) reported that soil copper from swine manure affected soil bacterial communities and contributed to microbial antibiotic resistance. Aquatic organisms such as fish and invertebrates are very sensitive to copper (Pip, 1995), therefore escape from spread fields is a concern.

Repeated application of hog waste results in increasing metal concentrations over time. The high levels of copper in the tested soils suggest that additional manure application must be carefully considered.

17. The land calculator for manure application is a theoretical exercise. Who will ensure that manure is not excessively applied onto the same parcel(s) because of the expense and bother of transporting it farther afield? In the real world, unfortunately this is what has on occasion happened. How can we verify where soil samples are collected? This is how we get soil test nutrient values that are lower after manure application than before.

18. Composting for mortalities disposal is also planned. There is no information regarding the specifics, as a variety of methods have been used by existing confined livestock operations. While mortalities composting is planned, Table 10-4 declines to divulge what the setback distance will be from the property line. Where will the composting site be located? How will the mortalities be secured from scavengers, and how will biosecurity be maintained?

19. The issue of disease outbreak is not addressed. What are the containment/quarantine measures for animals AND colony residents in the event of the many animal-human transmissible illnesses, for example swine and avian flu, anthrax, BSE, etc.? How will water be protected?

20. Noise and light pollution are not addressed.

21. What are the measures/resources in place in the event of barn fire? How will the animals be protected? What fire fighting resources are there in addition to the Brokenhead volunteer fire department? How will fire mortalities be disposed of? In hog barn fires, many thousands of animals have died horrible deaths.

22. The **Project Site map shows no locations of on site residences**. Yet there is a domestic sewage lagoon. The application indicates 150 people. Where are the residences of these 150 people?

23. Why is the domestic sewage lagoon on NW 33-14-8E on the site map labelled “For **NE 32-14-8E**”, i.e. for the parcel west adjacent? Is this adjacent parcel where the residences of the 150 people are located? Why is this not shown on the map?

If domestic sewage will be transported from one parcel to another, how will this occur? Will it be piped, transported by truck, or....? And from where exactly will it be transported? Another domestic lagoon? Individual septic or holding tank systems?

24. How and when will the **domestic lagoon** be emptied and **where will the effluent go**?

25. What existing buildings/structures are present on the adjacent NE 32-14-8E already, and what new structures are planned? Why is THE ENTIRE EXISTING COMPLEX not shown, so that the relationship of the two developments can be understood? How many animal units are present and how much manure is generated on NE 32-14-8E?

26. Information for truck haul routes is inadequate. Some trucks will haul feed and supplies, some will haul livestock, some will haul manure. The latter two are particularly of concern for biosecurity and human health, and may involve substantial distances. Truck routes for manure spreading are provided, but not for livestock transport. The proponent does not indicate which markets will be utilized: Winnipeg, Brandon?

Table 14-1 (Projected Truck Haul Routes and Access Points) relates to access from Provincial Trunk Highways and Provincial Roads onto the site ("Access from PTH/PR onto site."). Yet the site is not on either of these roads.

27. Rare species were identified in the Conservation Data Report. Disturbance, noise, light pollution, and pesticides are all threats associated with this operation. While species of concern are "expected to be "in the broader area and similar habitats" ", it must be stressed that similar habitats in the broader area are continually diminishing, and removal of more and more parcels from the habitat pool, combined with habitat fragmentation, push vulnerable species towards a point where sustainability of a population is no longer possible. We see the word "expected", but do not actually know. Has a species assessment been conducted for the planned site?

The Manitoba Conservation Data Centre Report omits aquatic species in the Brokenhead River.

28. There is a serious concern regarding impacts on the Brokenhead River. This river is an aquatic ecosystem of notable importance in that it forms an abrupt western boundary for the dystrophic and nitrogen-poor waters to the east and northeast, where relatively insoluble Precambrian igneous and metamorphic rock ascends to the surface (e.g. Fig. 9, HR, 2020). I have monitored the river as one of my long-range study sites since 1975.

The aquatic communities in the river are those of bogs and granitic geological parent materials; the water quality has been originally characterized by low total dissolved solids and alkalinity, calcium deficiency, low nitrogen and phosphorus, high dissolved organic matter with a predominance of humic and humolimnic acids (Pip, unpublished data). However water quality has changed particularly in the past three decades: nitrogen, phosphorus and total dissolved solids have increased, and levels of metals such as cadmium, copper and lead have also risen. Coliform bacteria are present in greater numbers as well. The increasing inputs of alkaline wastewaters from domestic and industrial farm groundwater usage have resulted in rising calcium levels at a number of points along the river, with associated reduction/disappearance

of calciphobic aquatic species. This effect is expected to be significantly aggravated when the Beausejour reverse osmosis treatment plant becomes operational.

The phytoplankton and periphyton communities have historically been limited, as is characteristic of dystrophic waters, but species diversity has been remarkable. Notable are chlorophyte desmids and xanthophytes, but communities have been dominated by a variety of diatoms because of the availability of dissolved silica in the water. In recent decades however, cyanobacteria (bluegreen algae) have markedly increased (Pip, unpublished data).

A list of aquatic molluscs documented in the Brokenhead River is given in Table 1 (Pip, unpublished data). Species such as *Helisoma campanulatum* and *Gyraulus deflectus* are typical of the Precambrian Shield (Pip, 1988). *Amnicola walkeri*, *Armiger crista* and *Ferrissia paralella* are all very rare in Manitoba, and The Brokenhead River is one of the few places in the province where they have been found. The most spectacular example is the gastropod (snail) *Bulimnea megasoma* (Mammoth *Lymnaea*), which is the world's largest lymnaeid snail. The Brokenhead River constitutes this soft-water mollusc's westernmost occurrence in Canada. Abundant in the Brokenhead River in the 1960s and early 1970s, it is now almost/possibly extirpated there, and has been in catastrophic decline in Manitoba (Pip, 2000). Sadly, I have not seen any in this river in the past 5 years, when there were many thousands of them in the 1970s and 1980s.

Table 1. Aquatic molluscs documented in the Brokenhead River (Pip, unpublished data).

Lymnaea stagnalis
Stagnicola elodes
Bulimnea megasoma
Physa gyrina
Aplexa hypnorum
Heisoma trivolvis
H. campanulatum
Planorbula armigera
Promenetus exacuus
Armiger crista
Gyraulus deflectus
G. parvus
G. circumstriatus
Ferrissia paralella
F. rivularis
Valvata tricarinata
Amnicola limosa
A. walkeri
Sphaerium rhomboideum
Pyganodon grandis (unionid mussel)

Significant changes have occurred in the mollusc communities of the river since I began monitoring in 1975. Perhaps the most telling has been the disappearance of all but one of the freshwater mussel (unionid) species. Unionids are extremely sensitive to habitat degradation. Their long lifespans (100+ years for some species) and their lifestyle as filter feeders make them vulnerable to severe bioaccumulation and biomagnification of contaminants (Pip, 1995). The sole remaining species in the Brokenhead River is one of the two most tolerant Manitoba species that typically are the last to disappear in the face of advancing pollution.

Also found in the Brokenhead River is the Chestnut Lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon castaneus*), which is a species of Special Concern in Canada. This river is one of the few places in Manitoba where freshwater sponges (*Spongilla*) are found (because of the availability of dissolved silica), but these have experienced significant declines over the past 30 years, especially downstream of livestock operations (Pip, unpublished data). Bryozoans inhabit this river as well.

The Brokenhead River also hosts stands of wild rice (*Zizania aquatica*), which has been shown to be sensitive to elevated total dissolved solids, total alkalinity and nitrate (Pip, 1984), and is usually found on the Precambrian Shield. The river is the westernmost natural occurrence of this plant in southeastern Manitoba. Harvesting of wild rice in Manitoba is the prerogative of indigenous peoples. The soft water habitat of wild rice renders it susceptible to heavy metal accumulation due to solubility of metals in such waters, and therefore preservation of water quality where rice will be used for human consumption is important (Pip, 1993).

A list of aquatic macrophytes documented in the Brokenhead River is given in Table 2 (Pip, unpublished data). The high species diversity is typical of soft-water habitats.

Table 2. Aquatic macrophytes documented in the Brokenhead River (Pip, unpublished data).

Myriophyllum exalbescens
Ceratophyllum demersum
Utricularia vulgaris
Najas flexilis
Ranunculus aquatilis
R. flabellaris
Megalodonta beckii
Potamogeton pusillus
P. natans
P. richardsonii
P. foliosus
Nuphar variegatum
Lemna minor
L. trisulca
Zizania aquatica
Sagittaria cuneata
Alisma triviale

Sium suave
Sparganium sp.
Eleocharis spp.
Equisetum spp.

The macrophyte community composition mirrors that of the molluscs, with a number of species that are characteristic of dystrophic and Shield waters (Pip, 1984). *Utricularia vulgaris* is a submerged rootless floating plant that is carnivorous in order to obtain the nitrogen that its environment normally lacks. It has specially modified leaves that trap zooplankton and insects, which are subsequently digested. It disappears when waters are polluted with nitrogen.

29. The Brokenhead River has been subjected to increasing indignities, especially over the past three decades. The present proposal must be considered **within the context of all of the other polluting activities that exist and that have contributed to the decline of water quality and aquatic ecosystem diversity**. For example, a livestock operation in Springfield Municipality has been shown to contribute nutrients, suspended and dissolved solids, and total and fecal coilform bacteria to the river (Pip and Reinisch, 2012). The new Beausejour Water Treatment Plant (Environment Act Proposal 6059.00) will pipe treatment wastewater directly into the Brokenhead River. Many other enterprises and activities also contribute to the cumulative stress on the health of the river which has resulted in its decline.

30. A much wider engagement with the public is required, as **this project will affect residents far beyond the operation site itself**, and they should be afforded the opportunity to speak. The application can be divided into three areas of impact (Table 3):

Table 3. Residents in areas affected by the proposed operation and the potential impacts.

Residents affected	Impact
Operation site NW 33-14-8E	Brokenhead River Water quality: nutrient enrichment and contaminants Phytoplankton and periphyton overgrowth Species diversity and abundance reductions Vulnerable species Wild rice and fish harvest Lake Winnipeg nutrient reduction strategy Groundwater quality Nitrogen, metals, antibiotics, farm chemicals, pathogens Surface water Contamination of municipal drains, ditches and streams

	<p>Growth of toxic bluegreen algae Overland flooding impoundment by berm</p> <p>Air quality Toxic ammonia, hydrogen sulphide Aerosols Odors in addition to above Dust: mold spores, diesel particulates, fine soil particles Pathogens</p> <p>Noise Light pollution Traffic Stress</p>
<p>Well sites NE 35-14-07 E1, NW 36-14-07 E1</p>	<p>Water quantity Neighboring well drawdown Loss of head in flowing wells</p> <p>Pipeline Residents affected along Route Crossings at Highway 12 and Brokenhead River Mars Hills recharge</p>
<p>Spread fields (numerous, 3 municipalities)</p>	<p>Air quality Toxic ammonia and hydrogen sulphide Odor Pathogen aerosols</p> <p>Groundwater Contamination: nitrogen, metals, antibiotics, pathogens</p> <p>Surface water Contamination of municipal drains, ditches, streams Growth of toxic bluegreen algae Downstream effects (Lake Winnipeg)</p>

31. Has Brokenhead First Nation, located downstream, been consulted? Stakeholder interest in wild rice and fish come to mind; there may be additional concerns.

32. We pretend that we are concerned about the state of Lake Winnipeg, and we claim that we are vigorously pursuing nutrient reduction strategies throughout the watershed to improve the shameful conditions that now exist in the lake, the subject of worldwide attention and embarrassment, yet at the same time we endlessly enable activities which pile ever more insult onto injury. We pretend we do not see the contradiction. It is more convenient that way.

In conclusion:

- Information is deficient in many key areas.
- The operation will affect surrounding residents around the operation site, the well site, and the spread fields which are located in three municipalities.
- Large quantities of livestock waste will be produced.
- Odor will be a significant problem.
- The operation site straddles the flood hazard boundary.
- Risk of groundwater contamination is significant.
- The large water demand may affect neighboring wells and reduce head in artesian conditions.
- Logistics such as highway and river crossings are not addressed.
- Impacts on the Brokenhead River are inevitable. These include water quality, community composition and diversity, and vulnerable species.
- Many other stressors already affect the Brokenhead River, including existing intensive livestock operations. Yet another application must be considered within the cumulative effect of the whole.
- A broader base of stakeholders must be consulted.
- This project is incompatible with Lake Winnipeg nutrient reduction strategies.

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January 23, 2022

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

RE: TRC 12-088

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Karen Weselak and I would like to express my opposition to the proposed mixed livestock operation build for the Westfarm Colony in the RM of Brokenhead. I have outlined below the many issues that as a member of this community give me both great cause for concern and opposition.

Enviromental & Odour Issues

Placing a mixed livestock operation this size near a river can only be described as irresponsible. This area tends to flood just as it did back in 1974 and again in 1997. When this area flooded the waters reached over a mile from the riverbank and was deep enough that we could canoe thru the fields. I do believe that at least part of the area where they are building has been recognized as a potential flood zone.

Not to mention that all it takes is for one thing to go wrong and for a leak to occur for our ground to become contaminated which would surely go to the river which will contaminate our waterways and jeopardize the aquatic iife. We are not talking about 20 or 30 animals here we are talking about thousands and thousands, that's a lot of manure that needs to be disposed of. As well given that there are residential homes within close proximity that run on wells which could also be the subject of contamination should there be an issue with proper manure disposal.

The smell of the lagoon they are building and the smell from the hog barns will absolutely be smelt for miles and will surely bring down the price of property because who wants to live by a lagoon, with multiple barns and animals especially hogs that have one of the worst smells.

Water Source

I understand that the colony is proposing drilling wells a couple miles on the other side of the river and then piping the water from there to the proposed location. This would require them to run those pipes thru the river. If the water table where they want to build cannot support the water that they require then why are they proposing this location? Finding water in this area is not an easy task just ask anyone who has drilled a well there, it is one of the hardest areas to find water.

Roadways, Access and Safety

Part of their proposal is to build a bridge and roadway extending mile road 84N this is ridiculous, the additional cost to the taxpayers of the RM of Brokenhead to maintain this will surely bring our taxes up a considerable amount.

Not to mention that until the extension of this road is completed this would create a safety concern on the current access roads as there are many children who get on and off the bus regularly in the area on the main roads and the amount of increased traffic both by vehicle and semi is surely a cause for concern. My grandchildren being some of the children who live on this road.

In closing I don't see how this operation will be beneficial to our community, although the RM may benefit from increased taxes that amount really is a pittance when you look at the overall potential risk of this operation to our environment, and the extra cost to the taxpayers of this RM for the extra road requirements required by this corporation to complete this build.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Karen Weselak'.

Karen Weselak

From: [Ivan Goletz](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Re TRC 12-088
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Hi

We live on mile 78north and the concerns we have are the fact of how its going to effect the small farmers around our area. We already have two colony's around this area. We don't need anymore. Its hard enough for the small farming business around her to stay afloat with our weather. Now you bring this big colony in here, its going to end up putting all the small farmers out of business. Now to have such a huge colony like this the smell is going to travel for miles. Which will make it very unbearable for anyone to be outside trying enjoy the weather when its nice out. As i'm sure a lot of us around this area have already said NO we don not want this colony anywhere near us. They need to find another place where there isn't already two colony's around the area. Plus to have them so close to the river, whats that going to do to it.

People do go canoeing down that river, and with all those animals its going to be toxic and the smell outrageous. So to end this we are fully against them putting a colony over here.

Tracy & Mark Glanville

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

To reject proposal of TRC 12-088

TRC12-088

Mixed livestock and commercial operation

NW ¼ 33-14-8E

From Douglas Gray (NW ¼ 32-14-8E) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Beausejour MB ROE OCO

Email – [REDACTED]

We purchased NW ¼ 32-14-8E in 1996. In 1997 we were flooded and were told the flood covered approximately 3 miles east of mile 43E. Since we have lived here the water has come up the bank to land level twice, covering the sloped flood plain on the east side a good distance. I was also told that this property flooded in 1977 but with little damage. Climate change is uncertain at this time. We could end up having another flood like we did in 1997.

- *Please ref to Burns Maendel letter of intent Page 3 of 4-1st paragraph. It will not be detrimental to the health or general welfare of people living or working in the surrounding area, or negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area.*

CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT OUR HEALTH OR PROPERTY WILL NOT BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED?

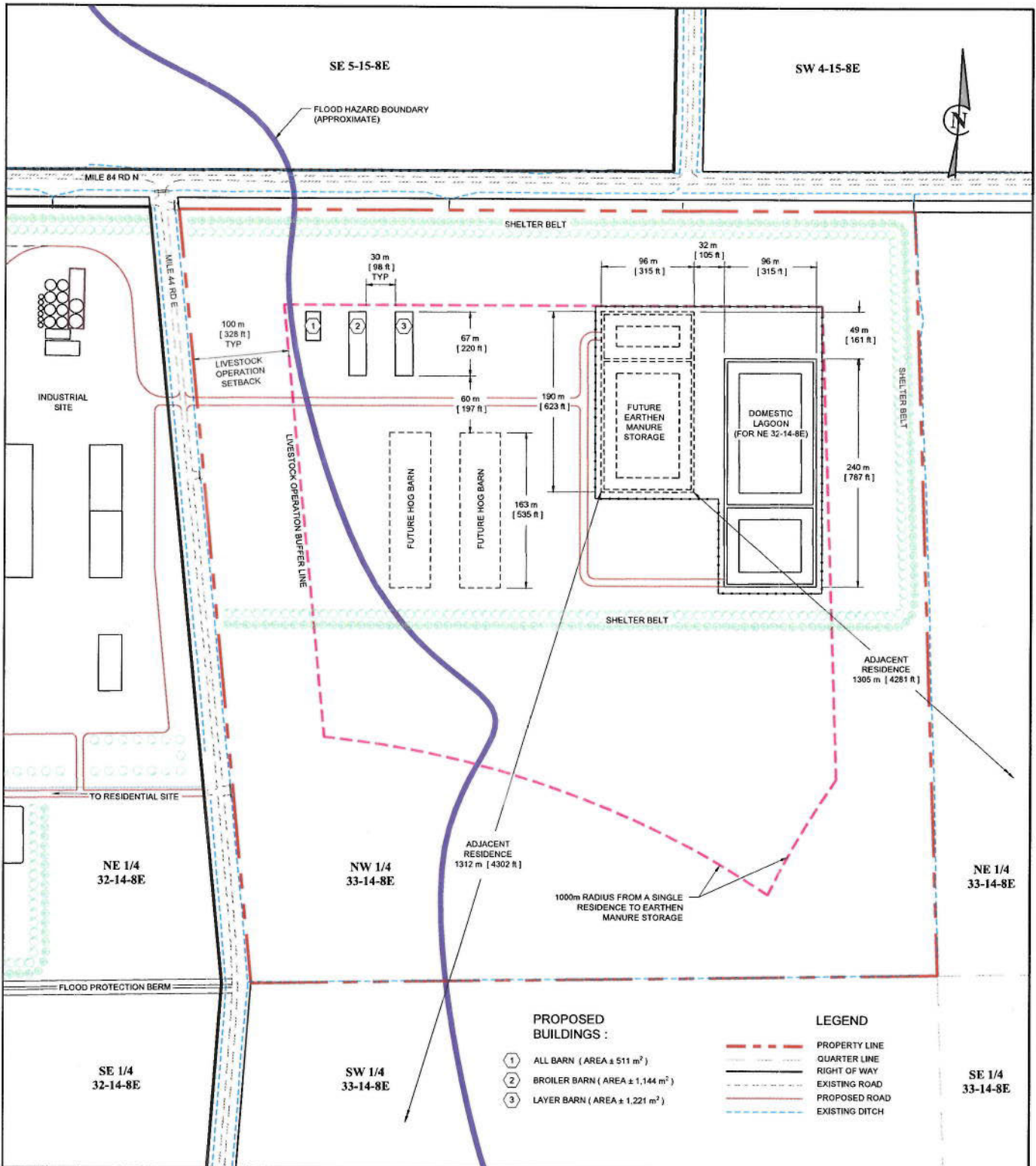
Would discourage from buying property in the area, especially myself because I am right across the river (NW ¼ 32-14-8E) from stated site assessment. An operation of this size will affect the outcome of **OUR** lifestyle with noise, smell, and possible pollution. It will also affect our property values.

Pollution could potentially drain on the Brokenhead river and could be harmful to not only water & wildlife, but also to humans.

Because the colony will be growing and expanding over the next 20+ years, this could discourage wildlife in and around surrounding area.

Noise and smell of pollution would be overwhelming and may compromise health.

Douglas Gray.



DESIGNED BY KD		REVIEWED BY DB	PROJECT NAME GREENWALD COLONY NEW SITE DEVELOPMENT RM OF BROKENHEAD		DRAWING TITLE SITE PLAN	
DRAWN BY CR		PROJECT START DATE APRIL 27, 2021		 BURNS MAENDEL CONSULTING ENGINEERS LTD.		
PLOT SIZE 8 1/2 x 11		SCALE N.T.S.				
NO.	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION	REVISIONS		

From: [Laura Gmiterek](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: In opposition of Westfarm Colony Farms mixed livestock Operation
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In regards to the proposal of Westfarm Colony Farms, I hereby oppose. The industrial building and landscape will generate an environmental disaster for our highly populated region. In the past we have observed overland flooding on the agricultural base in which the hog barn(s) are to be placed. The dike to be built around this industry will backup any waters onto other agricultural land in the area thus causing loss of production to other historical neighbouring family farms. For myself, 100 years and 4 generations of farming in the RM of Brokenhead it would be very discouraging to not be able to maintain and control such an environmental disaster. There is also the issue of air pollution (respiratory) and run off with the practise of spreading hog manure over the entire neighbourhood. Not only in one section, but over many small acre parcels of land. One of these is located less then 100 feet from my incorporated farm business and residence. This in return will likely contaminate my well and poison my drinking water. I express my points below in opposition of the construction of Westfarm Colony Farms and note that I have resided on my property for 63 years and I am familiar with the agricultural land herein:

1. The waters that feed the W drain on Mile 83 from the Agassiz Forest flow rapidly at large to more then the capacity of the drain itself into the Brokenhead River. This in turn causes overland flooding outside of the drain. The water will then spilled over the banks onto the fields. Some of the agricultural land that is proposed on the maps shown are sites for the Colonies manure disposal. The RM of Lac du Bonnet has done some extensive drainage improvements which have included cleaning. This water ends up onto the Mile 84 drain going to the Brokenhead River. The water then flows directly past the Westfarm Colony Farms proposed industrial site. Because these drains have been improved the capacity of water flow will increase. If by chance (and will), the Brokenhead River will flood it's banks. This will cause the water to backup upstream and perhaps flood over the Mile 84 drainage dike. It is a fact, that there is minimal elevation on the proposed industrial site to the river. In this case, it will take much longer for the overland flooding to recede.

2. If you look from the Brokenhead River from Mile 81 to Allegra Rd. 48 and Mile 85 from the Brokenhead River towards the Allegra Rd. 48, the area between these two roads have no building sites on the Northwest corner of each section. This is due to the known fact that these are the flood zones of each section. The reason being is that this is the natural flow of the water to Lake Winnipeg in the Northwest direction. The industrial site proposed is to be located on a Northwest corner of a section.

3. We should also factor the rains along with the spring runoff when applying hog manure to agricultural land. If the rains persist they will cause overland seepage into our drains. There is several of these manure spreading sites on the map given in the proposal. These ditches all run to the Brokenhead River onto Lake Winnipeg. Also, freshwater is produced through our lakes, rivers and wetlands and travels through the veins that feed our wells (drinking water).

4. The Spreadfield map indicates a road crossing the Brokenhead River from Mile 84 to Hwy. 12 that does not exist and is a Municipal decision to construct a road and a bridge. This should not be proposed by Westfarm Colony Farms. They also indicate that this is their truck hauling route.

5. As Greenwald Colony wishes to become a Sister (or daughter) Colony to Westfarm Colony Farms, it is not understood why they would locate in such a short distance. It is found to be unusual.

6. In view of their proposal of well water it has also come to our attention that it will be piped in from a site away from the construction. This showing section 36 on their map. Perhaps, this site should be built on this marginal land

instead of next to the Brokenhead River. That would give them a 2 mile access to an A-Class highway.

In conclusion, the agricultural land proposed for a hog industry factory is to be located on a flood zone approximately 400 ft, at the doorstep to the site. With the ongoing increase in climate change this 400 feet may exasperate into a mile. The agricultural industry can't control, but depends on the weather. This is a known fact in other sectors of the world. We will need to respect our agricultural inputs onto the land and how they will affect others.

Gmiterek Farms Ltd.

From: [Laura Gmiterek](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: In Opposition of the Westfarm Colony Farms Development
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Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations

In opposition of the development of the MIXED LIVESTOCK OPERATION of WESTFARM COLONY FARMS

After reviewing the proposal of a mixed livestock operation within my community I oppose. After reviewing the colonies field spreading of hog manure map it has come to my attention that it will be directly adjacent to my residence. Why would you allow the spread of manure 100 feet away from a municipal dwelling? This would not only pollute my well, but it is also a spring thaw flood zone. Therefore their hog manure will also travel down the ditch, onto my front yard and directly to the Brokenhead River. Water goes downhill. The air quality will also be destroyed for any outdoor activity in my yard. Also, there would be the traffic issue of them hauling their manure beside my farm. The bridge that they have been running their equipment across is marked as 5 ton. I've noticed them from spring to fall cross this bridge to their fields in my area disrespecting this posting. I am also not aware of them purchasing these acres next to me, but instead are renting. The map also includes several other parcels of land for field spreading purposes that surround my farm. All these drains run downhill to to the Brokenhead River destroying our ecosystem. The map is a checker board enclosing all other family farm operations in the area. Most of these farms have been producing for generations and would like to carry on to the next. I conclude by bringing to your attention that our drinking water will be contaminated and air quality destroyed by this practice of field spreading hog manure. The drainage to the north of this industrial livestock proposal is a W drainage that funnels into the Brokenhead River. The area in which this establishment is to be built is in a flood zone as it was in 1997. In view of the constant disaster caused by the environment and climate change who knows when we will see the next flood. Will they be prepared? Why doesn't this industrial colony spread their manure in their own backyard or will their drinking water be piped in from miles away from this eco catastrophe? I believe that all the homework on this proposition was not complete and should be under further review.

Laura Gmiterek
Gmiterek Farms

January 24, 2022

Re: TRC 12-088 Westfarm Colony Farms (NE 32-14-8E; NW 33-14-8E)

To whom it may concern,

We have lived , farmed and raised families for 5 generations near the Brokenhead River on our farm in Brokenhead ,MB . Now with this proposed new Industrial farm and livestock operation , i question if this is the last generation to able to have this opportunity for many reasons.

- 1) **Water Quality**; The proposed site is much to close to the river . Potential for contamination is just too much to risk for years to come as the manure load put out by these industrial barns will be massive . Transportation and injection run off contamination are possibilities, year after year. Also the amount of *fresh water used* daily on these huge sites is severely taxing on local aquifers for existing rural communities.
- 2) **Infrastructure**; The site is located on a dead end road with no primary access to the colony . This creates a **huge** influx of **traffic** to the adjacent roads and river bridges on mile roads 82 , road 43 , highway 317 , and roads 44 and 45. This evident this past summer as they were already building grain storage and putting in new hydro for this ***Proposed site***. It also shows on another proposed map that a road / bridge to be built into this colony, and wondering how much local tax payers will be presented with costs and upkeep going forward.
- 3) **Property values** ; the residing farm yards and housing that is nearby will face a major financial appraisal loss , due to the fact of nobody wantinf to live directly beside a industrial farm with all of its byproducts, be it (manure smell, trucks and trailers operating multi daily loads on roads , etc.)
- 4) **Family Farm opportunity**; the Tax and Labour advantage of the colony provides opportunity for the colony that our legacy family farms cannot compete with. Once established ,the run up in land costs will make it impossible for future generations.

With all this being said , I farm and understand the livestock industry . The colony needs the opportunity to expand , but this proposed site *is not* the place for it. There are other areas that the current parent colony owns that is nowhere near the river and such a populated community. They currently have a pellet making facility ,grain storage site and grain land that would make a perfect area for this proposed expansion for them. ***Far from a watershed.***

The potential negative effects for this proposed industrial operation far exceed the benefit for the community, if there is a benefit.

I O P P O S E the application for the Westfarm Colony Farm to be established at NE 32-14-8E and NW 33-14-8E (TRC 12-088)

Kintop Farms Ltd.
Brokenhead, MB

January 24, 2022

Technical Review Coordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

Re: Westfarm Colony Farms – TRC 12-088

Please accept this letter as my formal objection to the above-mentioned proposal by Westfarm Colony Farms (Greenwald Colony) to build a multipurpose barn for personal use, commercial production of broiler chickens and commercial production of hogs. My residence (SE 4-15-8E), is half a mile from the proposed site, as well as I own (and farm) farmland within a close proximity to this proposed site, and object for the following reasons:

With respect to Odour Control Measures (11.0 of the Site Assessment), Manure Transportation and Application Equipment (13.0 of the Site Assessment), I live in close proximity to the proposed site, and it is well known that hog manure can have quite an obnoxious smell, it concerns me that there is no requirement to have a cover on the lagoon. Westfarm Colony Farms proposes to apply manure in Spring and Fall, (Season of Application 13.1 of the Site Assessment) but of more concern is the stench during the summer months, when the weather is hot, and seeing as the lagoon is not covered, the manure will “cook” creating an even stronger odor.

With respect to the Projected Truck Haul Routes and Access Points (14.0 of the Site Assessment) and Truck Haul Routes and Access Points map (SAA 39 of 65 with their proposal), it appears that the proposed route will cross the Brokenhead River. Currently, there is no bridge there, and a bridge will have to be erected. Has Water Stewardship been consulted in this regard? If the river rises and there is potential for inland flooding, properties south of this crossing risk being flooded. The Conservation report states that there are **two** threatened species, **one** endangered species and **one** species of special concern. Conservation has reported on the proposed site and close proximity, but there is no mention of how erecting a bridge, and possibly (further) disrupting the habitat of any of these species will be mitigated or prevented by Westfarm Colony Farms.

Further to the above point, there is no timeline provided for when the bridge/crossing will be erected. This means, until this time, the only alternate route to haul feed/animals to/farm the Colony will be to use municipal roads. This past fall, Manitoba Hydro had to put in power to the proposed site, also had to use these same municipal roads. This resulted in the road, in front of my farmyard being severely rutted and damaged. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of this? Additional traffic caused by the trucks, from not only hauling but also to bring in construction/building material will also cause significant dust; I don't feel that all the taxpayers in the RM should be responsible for damage or additional dust control that is not caused by them. Furthermore, I don't feel that I should have to pay for additional dust control application for something that is outside of my control.

With respect to Water Requirements (7.1 of the Site Assessment) the maximum daily water usage is estimated at 18,988 Imperial Gallons just for the livestock. This does not include what will be consumed by the Colony members. A significant increase in water, such as this, has potential to impact my water supply, if the well is on the same vein as I am (or any of my neighbors).

Westfarm Colony Farms – TRC 12-088

I have serious concerns about the value of my farmland, as well as my home, with the size of this livestock operation. It has been confirmed, in other RMs, that with the construction of livestock operations, property values have decreased.

Will their property taxes cover the extra road maintenance and repairs caused by the large increase in truck traffic? Will the roads safely handle the increase traffic? What about the dust control and the priority of farm equipment? Can the roads handle the weight of the big trucks during the building/construction stage, and then subsequently their regular operations? What about when spring road restrictions are in place? What is their plan?

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Jason Shumila

From: [Andrew Ellert](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
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Dear Sir,

Please do not approve the proposal to establish this livestock farm by Westfarm colony. Brokenhead river is completely dried out. I am one of the cottagers here and it's already under threat from the town of Beausejour's proposed water treatment plant's discharge. The provincial government also has approved Can white sand's license to dispose of many toxic chemicals from their silica plant. We have to protect the Brokenhead river. Our riverfront cottage can no longer be considered a riverfront as the river has completely dried out and if we sell our property we will be at a loss. Our children play and swim in this river. We do not want this river to be polluted in such a manner.

The waste from livestock farm will wash down to this river. They will also be using this water for livestock given there is hardly any water left. There is an illegal dam on the campground and one made up by the River's edge golfcourse. This farm will pollute this river and will have a very negative impact on the surrounding environment. There is a very unique diversity of wildlife, birds ,endangered snapping turtles and eels that depend on this river. Not to mention the smell will be unbearable. The smell from the abattoir and incinerator will destroy the environment and make residential areas uninhabitable.

I hope you will reject this proposal and stand with us to protect the Brokenhead river.

Thank you.

Andrew Ellert
Resident and Cottage owner.
Brokenhead.

From: [Mars](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Re: TRC 12-088
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Hello again. I apologise for the string of emails, however I have yet another question concerning the Greenwald expansion.

I have just confirmed that the colony expansion will be relying on water wells drilled roughly four miles away from the proposed site. How does the colony plan to transport the water? Is the colony certain that water usage is sustainable in that location? Why were the wells dug at this particular location? Finally, how come the wells were drilled in the summer of 2021, and the plans for the site not revealed until January 2022?

These are just a few of my concerns around the proposed expansion site; the main issue is water usage. Please consider these questions during your review.

Thank you,
Paul Robertson

On Wed, 19 Jan 2022 at 18:54, Mars <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello. I have another question concerning the Greenwald Colony Farms expansion. Are there any plans in place to mitigate the smell of manure on "non-windy" days?

Thank you.
Paul Robertson

On Tue, 18 Jan 2022 at 19:27, Mars <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you. Would you be able to send me a link to water tables in the Municipality of Brokenhead?

On Mon, 17 Jan 2022 at 18:51, Mars <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am seeking more information on the proposed Greenwald Colony Farm expansion, specifically on water usage and manure treatment. A response would be appreciated as soon as possible, preferably before the January 26 deadline.

Thank you,
Paul Robertson

From: [Shumila, Rick](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: My objections
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To whom it may concern;

I, Richard Shumila (POA for Mort Shumila and heir to his property), am writing in regards to the proposed mixed livestock operation of Westfarm Colony Farms. Accept this as our formal objection to the establishment of this operation on NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1.

Mort Shumila owns farm land on SW 33-14-8E, NE 29-14-8E, and NW 28-14-8E.

For the following outlined reasons, we are opposed to the establishment of TRC 12-088:

Proximity to the Brokenhead River: The close proximity to the Brokenhead River which runs to Lake Winnipeg is a major concern. The runoff from the colony could leach into the river and have an environmental impact, not only on the river, but on Lake Winnipeg. The Brokenhead River is prone to flooding/overflowing its banks most years. There is continual a risk of an overland flow of manure downhill and into well water drawn from low lying areas. This would cause ground water pollution to all farms in the near vicinity that rely on well water for their daily needs. Having this operation so close to that body of water and all the natural runways is just an environmental accident waiting to happen. With all the work being done to save our environment and our natural water supplies this just seems like planning really has gone wrong.

The Province Annual Precipitation Analysis is inaccurate. During the time span that the assessment was conducted in our area, we had below average precipitation.

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Richard Shumila

RR3

Beausejour Manitoba



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From: [Aliza Delwar](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: New livestock farm
Date: January 24, 2022 11:07:35 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please do not allow the proposal for operation of a new livestock farm from Westfarm colony. This will have a very negative effect on the Brokenhead river, surrounding community and environment. Brokenhead river has dried up completely. It's already under threat of pollution from the Beausejour WTP discharge and toxic chemicals disposal from Can white sand for which your government already issued license for. Our children swim and play on this river and it will be polluted and destroyed. Opinion from the public and concerned citizens were not taken into consideration.

The waste and chemicals from the farm will wash into the river from rainwater. This river is the water source for many wildlife, migratory birds and endangered snapping turtles and eels. Their habitat need to be protected, also the local residents are using the water for household use.

The abattoir and incinerator that will be built for this farm will make the environment inhabitable for surrounding residents and contribute largely to polluting the environment. The smell will be unbearable. The demand for meat and poultry is declining and more and more people are converting into a plant based diet. We are already in a climate crisis and I hope you will not allow more activities that contribute greatly to pollution.

I hope you will stand with us and protect the Brokenhead river. Please do not allow this proposal for the sake of the environment and residents of the Brokenhead community.

Thank you kindly.

Aliza Delwar
Cottager and resident of Brokenhead community.

From: [DEBBY HLADY](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Proposal TRC 12-088
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Re: File TRC 12-088 -- Westfarm Colony Farms

With regard to the above noted proposal we wish to voice our **opposition** to this development.

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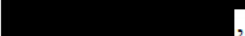
- odor from manure generated from livestock operations

- proximity to existing residential sites on the east side of the Brokenhead River

Please record our **opposition** to this proposal.

Ernie and Debby Hlady

 - SW 18-14-8 EPM

, RR # 3

Beausejour, Manitoba R0E 0C0

From: [Robyn Kintop](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: TRC 12-088
Date: January 24, 2022 11:51:00 AM

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From: Barbara Kintop <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Jan 24, 2022 at 11:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: TRC 12-088
To: [REDACTED] >

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Kintop <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 21, 2022 at 11:16:19 AM CST
To: TRC@gov.mb.ca
Subject: TRC 12-088

I've lived in this area since 1959 watching all the small family farms working together and growing together--a healthy life style to grow family. This is not a family farm being "proposed" but rather an industry. They will keep trying to buy more and more land for miles around. No longer will a young person with dreams of farming be able to compete with this industry.

Some of my neighbours will have to deal with the smell in their front yards and others in their back yards. Odors will be so bad that outdoor family functions will be a thing of the past. Phosphate levels will elevate--perhaps seeping into our wells. These wells could also dry up. What kind of run-off are we going to have to deal with in our ditches, rivers and streams? Are lagoons even allowed in Manitoba? Should it not be enclosed in slurry tanks and then injected on the fields?

Also the cost of maintaining our roads will likely double if not triple. This "proposed" industry will lower land and yard site prices as no one wants to live near a colony. Obviously this is what the colony wants, trying to force us out. Remember once the colony buys land it will NEVER be in circulation again. My question is why our RM or the provincial government did not notify us sooner and schedule a meeting for input by farmers affected by this proposal. There are

less populated areas they could build on. We find it very redundant that hydro poles have already been placed and we hear that wells have been drilled to pipe water from sandhills. How can this be a "proposed" plan when we see for ourselves that they are proceeding as a done deal??

Sincerely

Harlon and Barbara Kintop

HOME section 30-14-8E but own more land in this same area

PS Please reply that you have received this e-mail

From: [REDACTED]
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: (TRC 12-088)
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(Jan. 08,2022) Regarding TRC 12-088; proposed mixed livestock operation/Westfarm Colony Farms. We, Daniel & Carol Chaszewski (local area farmers) have numerous concerns regarding this proposal in lieu of the environmental impact on: waste disposal, water requirements, roadways & crossings, and the Brokenhead River. Other local area residents expressed similar concerns as well. There is a large concern for the potential of future expansion and greater impacts as noted. Being aware of similar surrounding operations and their impact, we do not see positive results to this proposal. We are thankful for this opportunity to share our views to keep our community healthy and strong. Submitted & signed by: Daniel Chaszewski, Carol Chaszewski. NE19-14-8E. [REDACTED], RR-2, Beausejour, Mb. R0E 0C0.

From: [DEBBY HLADY](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposal TRC 12-088
Date: January 22, 2022 5:39:29 PM

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Please note the correction -- should have read - existing residential sites on the WEST side of the Brokenhead River

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From: **DEBBY HLADY** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Jan 22, 2022 at 4:51 PM
Subject: Proposal TRC 12-088
To: <TRC@gov.mb.ca>

Re: File TRC 12-088 -- Westfarm Colony Farms

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Our concerns are:- proximity to the Brokenhead River
- odor from manure generated from livestock operations
- proximity to existing residential sites on the **WEST** side of the Brokenhead River

Please record our **opposition** to this proposal.

Ernie and Debby Hlady
[REDACTED] 42E - SW 18-14-8 EPM
Box 6, Group 305, RR # 3
Beausejour, Manitoba R0E 0C0

From: [Randy Gmiterek](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: In opposition of Westfarm Colony Farms mixed livestock Operation
Date: January 23, 2022 6:27:07 PM

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To: TRC@gov.mb.ca

In regards to the proposal of Westfarm Colony Farms, I hereby oppose. The industrial buildings and landscape will generate an environmental disaster for our highly populated region. In the past we have observed overland flooding on the agricultural base in which the hog barn(s) are to be placed. The dike to be built around this industry will backup any waters onto other agricultural land in the area, thus causing loss of production to other historical neighbouring family farms. For myself, 100 years and 4 generations of farming in the RM of Brokenhead it would be very discouraging to not be able to maintain and control such an environmental disaster. There is also the issue of air pollution (respiratory) and runoff with the practise of spreading hog manure over the entire neighbourhood. Not only in one section, but over many small acre parcels of land. One of these is located less than 100 feet from my incorporated farm business and residence. This in return will likely contaminate my well and poison my drinking water. I express my points below in opposition of the construction of Westfarm Colony Farms and note that I have resided on my property for 63 years and I am familiar with the agricultural land herein:

1. The waters that feed the W-drain on Mile 83 from the Agassiz Forest flow rapidly at large to more than the capacity of the drain itself into the Brokenhead River. This in turn causes overland flooding outside of the drain. The water then spills over the banks onto the fields. Some of the agricultural land that is proposed on the maps shown are sites for the Colonies manure disposal. The RM of Lac du Bonnet has done some extensive drainage improvements which have included cleaning. This water ends up onto the Mile 84 drain going to the Brokenhead River. The water then flows directly past the Westfarm Colony Farms proposed industrial site. Because these drains have been improved the capacity of water flow will increase. If by chance (and will), the Brokenhead River will flood its banks. This will cause the water to backup upstream and perhaps flood over the Mile 84 drainage dike. It is a fact, that there is minimal elevation on the proposed industrial site to the river. In this case, it will take much longer for the overland flooding to recede.

2. If you look from the Brokenhead River from Mile 81 to Allegra Rd. 48 and Mile 85 from the Brokenhead River towards the Allegra Rd. 48, the area between these two roads have no building sites on the Northwest corner of each section. This is due to the known fact that these are the flood zones of each section. The reason being is that this is the natural flow of the water to Lake Winnipeg in the Northwest direction. The industrial site proposed is to be located on a Northwest corner of a section.

3. We should also factor the rains along with the spring runoff when applying hog manure to agricultural land. If the rains persist they will cause overland seepage into our drains. There are several of these manure spreading sites on the map given in

the proposal. These ditches all run to the Brokenhead River onto Lake Winnipeg. Also, freshwater is produced through our lakes, rivers and wetlands and travels through the veins that feed our wells (drinking water).

4. The Spreadfield map indicates a road crossing the Brokenhead River from Mile 84 to Hwy. 12 that does not exist and is a Municipal decision to construct a road and a bridge. This should not be proposed by Westfarm Colony Farms. They also indicate that this is their truck hauling route.

5. As Greenwald Colony wishes to become a Sister (or daughter) Colony to Westfarm Colony Farms, it is not understood why they would locate in such a short distance. It is found to be unusual.

6. In view of their proposal of well water it has also come to our attention that it will be piped in miles away from the construction site. This showing section 36 on their map. Perhaps, this industry should be built on this section of marginal land instead of next to the Brokenhead River. That would also give them a 2 mile access to an A-Class highway.

In conclusion, the agricultural land proposed for a hog factory is to be located on a flood zone approximately 400 ft, at the doorstep to the site. With the ongoing increase in climate change this 400 feet may exasperate into a mile. The agricultural industry can't control, but depends on the weather. This is a known fact in other sectors of the world. We will need to respect our agricultural inputs onto the land and how they will affect others.

Randy Gmiterek

Gmiterek Farms Ltd

From: [Connie Krawchuk](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Flood
Date: January 18, 2022 12:27:25 PM
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1997 Aerial photo of NW 1/4 33-14-8 E 1 .. attach to my email.

Connie krawchuk



From: [Kenneth Shumila](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Beausejour : SW 33-14-8E, NE 29-14-8E, and NW 28-14-8E.
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To whom it may concern;

I, Ken Shumila (POA for Mort Shumila and heir to his property), am writing in regards to the proposed mixed livestock operation of Westfarm Colony Farms. Accept this as our formal objection to the establishment of this operation on NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1.

Mort Shumila owns farm land on SW 33-14-8E, NE 29-14-8E, and NW 28-14-8E.

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Ken Shumila

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Beausejour Manitoba

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From: [Gail](#)
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Beausejour SW 33-14-8E, NE 29-14-8E, and NW 28-14-8E.
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I, Gaeline Delmarque ,friend and relative of the Shumila family, am writing in regards to the proposed mixed livestock operation of Westfarm Colony Farms. Accept this as our formal objection to the establishment of this operation on NW ¼ 33-14-8 E1.

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This includes the community of the Brokenhead Reserve on the #59 Highway.

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Gaeline Delmarque

[REDACTED]

Winnipeg, Mb [REDACTED]