

Canada-Saskatchewan Specified Risk Material (SRM) Management Program

Background:

On June 26, 2006 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced enhancements to Canada's feed ban in an attempt to strengthen Canada's safeguards against the spread of BSE and to speed its eradication.

The new regulations require all Specified Risk Material (SRM) tissues to be removed and excluded from use in all animal feed, pet food and fertilizer and disposed in a manner approved by the CFIA by July 12, 2007.

SRM Management Program:

Funding will be available for investment in **one-time** infrastructure development projects specifically related to SRM handling and disposal.

The goal is to create feasible short and long term environmentally safe SRM disposal options across Saskatchewan to reduce the cost of industry adaptation to the new CFIA regulation.

Eligible Applicants:

Program assistance will be available to a person, corporation, communal organization or Indian band operating in Saskatchewan including:

- CFIA approved SRM disposal facilities;
- Federally inspected beef slaughter or processing facilities;
- Domestically inspected beef slaughter or processing facilities;
- Health licensed beef slaughter or processing facilities; and
- Other approved facilities required to comply with the regulation.

Eligible Projects:

- Program assistance will be available for new, or modifications to existing, infrastructure for a CFIA approved SRM disposal facility or a licensed packing plant to meet the requirements of the new feed ban regulations.
- Projects that could be eligible include: modifications to beef slaughter and processing facilities to accommodate SRM segregation and storage; landfills; composting; rendering; incineration; gasification; alkaline/thermal hydrolysis; bio-digestion; and other projects that create value from SRM, such as energy generation.

Eligible Expenditures:

- Project planning, design, engineering and environmental assessments.
- Construction, machinery, equipment and other capital items dedicated to removal, separation, storage, transportation, rendering, containment or destruction of SRM.
- Up to 25% of purchase cost for qualified motorized mobile equipment necessary to handle or dispose of SRM may be eligible, but will not be included in a final prorated payment if funding is available.

Ineligible Expenditures:

- Land
- Capital items not specifically related to SRM handling or disposal.
- Financing costs or production staff salaries.

Assistance Levels:

Up to 50% of eligible project expenditures to a maximum of:

- \$100,000 - Health Licensed Plants;
- \$1 million - Domestically Inspected Plants;
- \$3 million - Federally Inspected Plants;
- \$1 million - CFIA approved SRM disposal facilities.
- A Final prorated payment of up to an additional 40% of eligible project costs may be issued if eligible payments are less than total program funds available.

Term:

Eligible expenditures include those made on approved projects between December 14, 2004 and March 31, 2009.

Application Deadline:

December 31, 2008.

Application forms will be available shortly.

For more information, call:

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