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Re: DP 2020-040 Proposal: composting facility

Legal: Plan 131 2179, Block 3, Lot 2 NE-24-22-26-4

We have composed a list of concerns regarding this proposed composting facility.

Process/Machine: Is this plant technology currently in use in other locations? What is the brand/technology that is being proposed?

Pre testing: Will there be any testing of air and ground samples at the site of the proposed composting facilities prior to its opening date? Who will be doing the testing? Will the testing be unbiased (will it be a neutral third party?) Will the testing results be transparent? Who will be paying for the testing? How will the tests be reported to the stakeholders? (Facility owner, Wheatland County, surrounding residents)

Routine monitoring: What responsibility will the composting facility have to continually monitor air and ground samples throughout their course of business? Who will be doing the testing? Will the testing be unbiased (will it be a neutral third party?) Will the testing results be transparent? Who will be paying for the testing? How will the tests be reported to the stakeholders? (Facility owner, Wheatland County, surrounding residents) What will Wheatland County do when air or ground samples show contamination? Does the composting facility have a contingency fund set aside to repair any issues that arise with air and ground contamination? Or will there be a cost to Wheatland County and its ratepayers?

Claim of no odor: What will the action of Wheatland County be when odor becomes an issue? How far will the odor travel? Will the odor travel more than 2 miles? What are the costs that Wheatland County has accrued due to the current Green For Life site? If they can store 3 days of material inside, how many days supply is 3 trucks per day delivering? Will there be arriving material stored outside (potentially generating odor) before it can be received inside?

Site management: Should this site be abandoned because of growth of the company it cannot accommodate or lack of financial success, who has the responsibility to remove any waste or pre-material on site? Will it become like an orphan oil and gas well? Does the landowner have to pay the bill for cleanup? Does the community? Does Wheatland County and its ratepayers? Or will the composting facility be forced to set aside a reserve for reclamation?

Growth: What are the growth forecasts beyond 1 year and 7.5 tonnes per day? Will the composting company require surrounding land to increase their footprint and grow their capacity in the future? If so, will the process be monitored or will it just be allowed to proceed?

Traffic: Will there be any road improvements to handle the increased traffic? With the increased traffic, will there be increased need for road repairs? Will these road repair and improvement costs be to the composting company or to Wheatland County ratepayers?

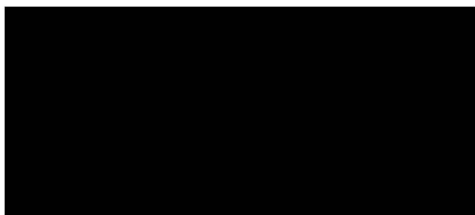
Date of opening: What is the proposed date of opening of the facility? Is there any work currently being done on-site that is not yet permitted? What is the name of the company? Has anyone representing Wheatland County done any site visits to other diaper composting facilities in other communities?

Two mile notice: Potential air contamination will likely travel more than 2 miles, therefore the notice needs to be sent to a larger group of Wheatland County residents, including the communities Carseland and Speargrass.

Unsightly premises: What will Wheatland County do to monitor the premises to ensure that they do not become unsightly?

Tax: How much revenue does Wheatland County expect to receive from the composting company? Are there any other benefits to Wheatland County and its ratepayers to have a facility of this kind at the proposed site?

These are the questions that need to be answered before any proposal is allowed to proceed. With the issues that The Town of Strathmore has had with its composting facilities odor and the continued issues that Wheatland County is having with The Green For Life site, we feel it is in Wheatland County and the communities best interest to decline to allow a composting facility at the proposed site.



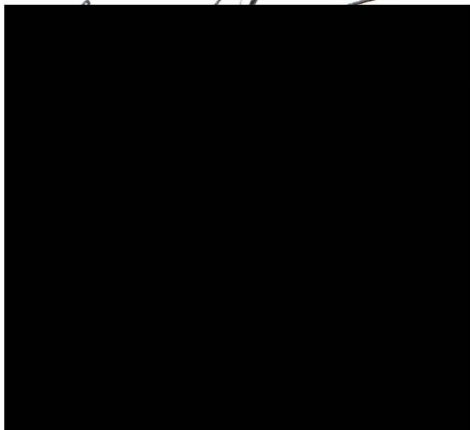
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Letter of Objection

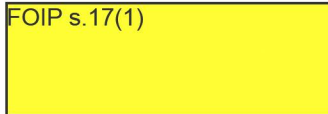
Re: DP 2020-040 Proposal: Composting Facility

I am writing to object to the above future Composting Facility. By allowing the above proposed Composting Facility on this piece of property, the amount of smell and odors that will be generated will be unbearable for area residents. Feed material and feed material stock piles/storage will sacrifice the air quality, and the surrounding area will be littered with debris and scattered by the wind. Also, the proposed Composting Facility will attract abnormally large amounts of insects and birds. Overall, I feel the proposal Composting Facility is not in the best interest of the citizens of Carseland and surrounding area of NE-24-22-26-4, and I strongly urge you to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

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July 6, 2020

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Strathmore, AB T1P 1J6

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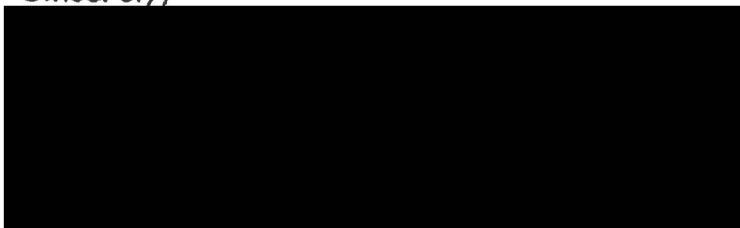
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We received a letter in the mail recently regarding the proposed application for a composting facility.

These are some of our concerns we hope you take into consideration before approving the above application:

1. Pungent smell and offensive odour from compost stock piled in the outdoor storage area
2. Attraction of large groups of birds and insects at the storage site
3. Contamination of the surface and ground waters at the facility
4. Risk of spontaneous combustion of compost material
5. Risk of waste water produced at site not being properly contained
6. Escape of plastics and litter from site blown onto adjacent properties
7. Excess daily traffic on Paved Range Road 260 making it more difficult to move farm equipment, as well as increasingly hazardous for daily drivers/commuters
8. Potential high levels of human pathogens and medicines on the site from human waste
9. Acceptance of potential contaminated green bin organic materials from other regions
10. Decreased property value for surrounding land and residences

Sincerely,



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July 4, 2020.

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Hwy 1, R.R. 1 Strathmore, AB.

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Proposal: Composting Facility

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I, [REDACTED], the [REDACTED], oppose the above development. Following are some of my concerns

1. Property values will decrease as who will want to purchase land next to a composting facility?
2. Pungent smell from compost stored in an outside facility will lead to the attraction of birds and insects - seagulls, ravens and flying insects.
3. Road Traffic will increase thus making it more difficult to move farm equipment to adjacent property.
4. Waste water generated on site needs to be contained on site
5. Litter must be contained on site
6. Fire hazard from spontaneous combustion of the Compost
7. Run-off water from surface and compost pile could contaminate the water supply in the W.D. system.

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