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Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
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Re: Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) Review Engagement

Dear EPEA Review Team,

The Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association (ACFA) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Government of Alberta's review of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA).

ACFA represents Alberta's cattle feeding sector, an important contributor to the province's agricultural economy, rural communities, and food production system. We support efforts to modernize environmental legislation, improve regulatory efficiency, and encourage innovation while maintaining appropriate environmental protections.

We offer the following comments for consideration:

- **Consultation period:** The public consultation period was insufficient given the breadth and potential implications of the proposed changes. We encourage the Government of Alberta to provide longer consultation periods to allow affected industries adequate time to review proposals, consult members, and provide meaningful input.
- **Agricultural exemptions:** ACFA strongly recommends that existing agricultural exemptions under EPEA remain in place. Maintaining these exemptions helps avoid unnecessary regulatory duplication, administrative burden, and additional costs for producers.
- **Biodigester regulations:** Where additional clarification is required around biodigester development and operations, ACFA recommends that requirements be incorporated into the applicable regulations rather than the Act. This will allow regulations to be amended more efficiently as technology and industry practices evolve.

We request that you engage agriculture when consulting on environmental issues, and specifically request that ACFA be considered a stakeholder for future discussions and considerations related to biodigester development and regulation. Alberta's cattle feeders present a significant opportunity for biodigester development, and agricultural industry input will be important in developing practical regulations that support investment and innovation.

Thank you for considering our comments. We welcome continued engagement as the EPEA review progresses.

Sincerely,

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