



CANADA-BRITISH COLUMBIA SPECIFIED RISK MATERIAL (SRM) MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Subprogram A: ON-SITE SLAUGHTER PLANT SRM SEPARATION AND STORAGE

The Canada-British Columbia Specified Risk Material (SRM) Management Program is funded through a 60:40 federal-provincial cost-sharing agreement between Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (BCMAL). The program is designed to assist the province's beef processing sector in complying with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's enhanced feed ban regulation.

There are six areas of support or subprograms under the Canada-British Columbia Specified Risk Material Management Program. These include:

- A. On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Separation and Storage;
- B. On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Destruction or Containment;
- C. Regional/Community SRM Destruction or Containment;
- D. Bovine Dead Stock Storage, Destruction or Containment,
- E. Environmental Assessments required for SRM Projects; and
- F. On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Separation, Storage, Destruction or Containment.

Subprogram A: On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Separation and Storage directs funding towards projects which will establish slaughter plant infrastructure for separation and handling of SRM in order for them to be in compliance with amended Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regulations under the Feeds Act, Fertilizer Act, Health of Animals Act and the Meat Inspection Act that come into effect July 12, 2007.

To be eligible for funding under Subprogram A, plants must have been in existence prior to December 11, 2004 unless these plants are located in underserved areas (more than 200 km from the nearest existing slaughter facility handling cattle). Eligible expenses are limited to those needed to provide capacity to separate and handle waste tissue volumes generated as of December 11, 2004. Only expenses incurred between December 15, 2006 and March 31, 2009 will be eligible for reimbursement.

Projects requiring an environmental assessment will not be considered for funding until this assessment has been completed. Projects must comply with all federal and provincial environmental regulations and guidelines.

Eligible applicants will be required to enter into an agreement setting out the terms and conditions of funding. One of the conditions of reimbursement of eligible expenses is that the slaughter plant receive the required CFIA SRM permits or approvals and be, or become, either federally or provincially licensed.

The total funding available to individual slaughter facilities for on-site separation, storage and disposal works under Subprogram A (On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Separation and Storage) and Subprogram B (On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Destruction and Containment), used alone or in combination, is up to 100% for the first \$100,000 of eligible expenditures, 75% for the next \$200,000, and 50% of eligible expenditures between \$300,000 and \$500,000. Reimbursements associated with expenditures greater than \$500,000 will be determined on a case-by-case basis but will not exceed \$500,000 per applicant.

In order for projects to be considered for funding under Subprogram A: On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Separation and Storage, applications must be received before noon on May 31, 2007 by the Resource Management Branch of the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands at 1767 Angus Campbell Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2M3. Applications from underserved areas must be received by noon on June 15, 2007 at the same location.

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