



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



Subprogram C: REGIONAL/COMMUNITY SRM DESTRUCTION OR CONTAINMENT

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 C: Regional/Community SRM Destruction or Containment directs funding towards projects which will establish infrastructure for regional/community disposal (destruction or containment) of SRM in British Columbia.

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. Only expenses incurred between December 15, 2006 and March 31, 2009 will be considered for reimbursement.

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 regional/community facility receives the required Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) SRM permits and approvals.

Funding available to individual regional/community facilities for SRM destruction or containment under Subprogram C (Regional/Community SRM Destruction or Containment) will be determined on a case-by-case basis. For all applications, decisions regarding the total amount of eligible funding and the share of costs to be borne by the applicant will be based on the principles of Subprogram C. Funding will also be determined based on the level of potential benefit to the Province, the potential for value adding or revenue generation, the extent to which the project is a comprehensive regional or community solution and supported by SRM generators, the total disposal cost per unit of SRM and non-SRM, and the cost effectiveness and overall efficiency of the project. For projects that may involve intermediate processing activities that do not destroy or contain the infective BSE agent, the final disposal location of SRM must be included as part of the proposal.

All project activities must be completed by March 31, 2009, including the Province paying out funds as outlined in the Agreement. In order for the Province to complete its administration and payments, the Province needs to receive the full project wrap-up documentation **60 days** prior to March 31, 2009. Letters of Intent may be submitted at any time during the period that Subprogram C is open for applications.

The SRM Program may actively seek proposals or applications for specific, targeted initiatives under Subprogram C, and may at any time before March 31, 2009 issue calls for formal Expressions of Interest from the public.

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