



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



Subprogram E: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED FOR SRM PROJECTS

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 (SRM) 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 E: Environmental Assessments Required for SRM Projects, provides funding for environmental assessments required for SRM projects to establish infrastructure for disposal (destruction and containment) of SRM in British Columbia 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 E, proponents and their SRM projects must be eligible for consideration under one of the other four subprogram areas. A project proposal must have been submitted to one of the other subprogram areas and the project must require an environmental assessment in order to be advanced for decision. Eligible expenses are limited to direct expenses related to conducting an environmental assessment. Reimbursement of eligible expenses is based on the proponent submitting an acceptable environmental assessment report from a qualified professional.

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.

The total amount available to eligible SRM project proponents under Subprogram E (Environmental Assessments Required for SRM Projects) is 100% of eligible expenditures up to \$30,000.

In order for projects to be considered for funding under Subprogram E: Environmental Assessments Required for SRM Projects, applications must be received before noon on December 31, 2007 by the Resource Management Branch of the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands at 1767 Angus Campbell Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2M3.

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