



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



Subprogram F: ON-SITE SLAUGHTER PLANT SRM SEPARATION, STORAGE, 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 F: On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Separation, Storage, Destruction or Containment directs funding towards projects not previously eligible under Subprograms A and B to establish infrastructure at British Columbia slaughter plants for separation, storage, and disposal (destruction or containment) of SRM. Proposed projects may be necessary in order for plants 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 came into effect July 12, 2007.

To be eligible for funding under Subprogram F, slaughter plants must be federally licensed or licensed by the BC Centre for Disease Control by January 30, 2009. Only expenses incurred between December 15, 2006 and March 31, 2009 will be considered 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. The program may limit funding of on-site projects for plants in regions where viable common disposal alternatives either exist or will soon be available.

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.

Funding criteria for individual slaughter facilities for on-site separation, storage and disposal works under Subprogram F are as follows:

1. Existing plants already funded under Subprograms A or B may receive up to 75% of the first \$300,000 of further eligible costs for projects or components of projects not previously funded under Subprograms A or B. Total funding, including all amounts approved under Subprograms A, B and F, is capped at \$350,000 per applicant.
2. Existing plants not previously funded under Subprograms A and B and new plants in "underserved" areas that are licensed by January 30, 2009 may receive 75% of the first \$300,000 in eligible expenses to a maximum of \$225,000 per applicant. "Underserved areas" refers to areas in which plants are situated more than 200 kilometers from an existing licensed slaughter plant.
3. All other SRM-generating plants licensed by the BC Centre for Disease Control by January 30, 2009 may receive 50% of the first \$200,000 in eligible expenses, with a maximum up to \$100,000 per applicant.

In order for projects to be considered for funding under Subprogram F: On-Site Slaughter Plant SRM Separation, Storage, Destruction or Containment, applications must be received by noon January 30, 2009 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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