

# LMMMR News

News from Conservation's Environmental Services: Livestock Section

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## ***The Save the Lake Winnipeg Act and the Hog Moratorium***

*The Save Lake Winnipeg Act* which was passed into law on June 15, 2011 amends a number of Acts including *The Environment Act*, *The Crown Lands Act*, *The Mines and Minerals Act*, *The Planning Act*, and *The Water Protection Act*.

*The Environment Act* was amended through *The Save the Lake Winnipeg Act*. It extended the ban on construction and expansion of livestock areas for pigs and pig manure storage facilities to all of Manitoba. The Act also enshrined in legislation the prohibition on winter manure application that existed in the *Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation*. *The Environment Act* now also includes restrictions for septic disposal fields within the Capital Region.

Highlights of the amendments to other Acts include:

- *The Crown Lands Act* now includes a section which allows for designation of provincially significant wetlands by regulation;
- *The Mines and Minerals Act* includes a restrictions related to peat quarries;
- *The Planning Act* requires authorities within the capital region to prepare drinking and wastewater management plans; and
- *The Water Protection Act* includes requirements for the City of Winnipeg regarding human wastewater treatment.

A copy of *The Save The Lake Winnipeg Act* and an associated press release can be viewed at:

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/2011/c03611e.php> and <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/press/top/2011/06/2011-06-02-105000-11639.html> , respectively.

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## Technical Review Committee Process for New and Expanding Livestock Operations

The Manitoba government has implemented a new Technical Review Committee process. A Technical Review Committee report is required under *The Planning Act* for new and expanding livestock operations of 300 animal units or more. These reports are available to municipal governments when considering the approval of such operations.

Under the *Technical Review Committee Regulation*, highlights of the new process include: 1) a site assessment submitted by the producer; 2) a new consultation process which accommodates public comment; and 3) a Technical Review Committee report which will include recommendations received during the consultation process.

This process will be run through a Coordination Unit within Manitoba Local Government. The Coordination Unit has communicated the new process to stakeholders including producer groups and municipal governments in February, 2012. They have also updated their website with new forms and guidance material.

More information is available at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/programs/livestock/index>.

### Important Dates

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will be hosting a session for Professional Engineers and Contractors involved in the design and construction of manure storage facilities. The all-day event will be held at the Greenwood Inn in Winnipeg on April 2, 2012. For more information, please contact the department by email at: [EnvironmentalEng@gov.mb.ca](mailto:EnvironmentalEng@gov.mb.ca)

### *Who are you going to call?*

Manure management plan, engineering and source water analysis questions should be directed to Environmental Services.

Matters regarding all other aspects of the *Livestock Manure and Mortalities Regulation* should be directed to Environmental Operations.

For reporting a spill, emergency spreading, or any emergencies, call your Environmental Operation contact.

After hours, use the emergency response number.

| <b>Emergency Response</b><br>944-4888 |  |
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| <b>Environmental Services</b>         | <b>Manure Management Plans</b><br>Ph: 945-3078 Winnipeg<br><b>Source Water Administration</b><br>Ph: 945-5168 Winnipeg<br><b>Engineering Section</b><br>945-7084   |
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