

**Summary of Comments Received
on the “Pause”
During the
Review Period
(November 8 – 24, 2006)**

1.0 Summary of Submissions

| Submission types | Number of submissions |
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| Submissions opposed to the pause (number of submissions received prior to the deadline <i>opposed to</i> implementing the pause) | 1,448 |
| Submissions in favour of the pause (number of submissions received prior to the deadline <i>in favour of</i> implementing the pause): | 366 |
| Total number of submissions <i>received prior</i> to the deadline: ¹ (both “in favour” and “opposed” submissions) | 1,814 |

2.0 Summary of Submissions in Opposition to the Pause

The total number of anti-pause responses (all categories) received within the review period² was 1,448 submissions. This included 57 individual letters, 837 template letters and 554 form letters.

Individual letters were from individual respondents. Templates and form letters shared a common opening statement (summarized below). Both form and template letters shared the common opening, but form letters were defined as having **no** additional comments, while template letters were defined as having additional comments in the comment section.

¹ Submission deadline was 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 24, 2006.

² Submission deadline was 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 24, 2006.

The following eight themes appeared in the written submissions:

1. Do not single out the hog industry with this pause;
 2. There are other equally/more responsible parties contributing to the Phosphorus issue;
 3. The Pause will have negative economic impacts for the hog industry and the larger economy;
 4. The hog industry is generally already environmentally sustainable and responsible;
 5. Negative social impacts;
 6. Respondents provided options other than the Pause;
 7. Current legislation is rigorous enough; and
 8. Loss of OlyWest and other industry such as Maple Leaf.
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3.0 Summary of Submissions In Favour of the Pause

Nineteen individual letters and 1 petition with 347 electronic signatures³ (101 template letters and 246 form letters) were received.

The petition contained two submission styles—template and form letter style. Individuals who signed the petition and added comments were collated under template letters whereas individuals who signed the petition, but did not add comments, were considered form letters.

Several themes were repeated throughout the petition and individual letters. These themes are identified below:

1. Written approval of implementing the pause;

³On the petition, numbers 247 to 295 did not exist and had no signatures or comments. They were subtracted from the total number of listed signatures on the petition ($496 - 49 = 347$ actual submissions)

2. Distinction between the “family farm” and “industrial hog barns”;
3. Hog barn odours, property values, and quality of life issues;
4. Too many barns concentrated into too small a radius;
5. Manitoba Pork Council should not provide subjective information to the general public;
6. The responsibility of elected officials to all Manitobans;
7. Hog barn odors are bad for human health;
8. Options in addition to the pause and the need for further research;
9. Economic impacts of hog barns;
10. Environmental impacts of hog barns;
11. Social impacts of hog barns;
12. Clean Environment Commission;
13. OlyWest.