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I am writing this e-mail on behalf of my parents Ronald and Marlys Pearse.

Ronald and Maryls Pearse reside at SW 28-21-3 E which is approx. 2 miles away from the expansion by road or 1 mile going across the section. They have been a residence of the area for over 54 years with approximately 37 of those years farming in the area.

History:

- Ron and Marlys were first approached by the original owner(Denis Janzen) of the 8000 finishing space barns approx. 20 years ago with the request of the a new barn construction.
  - The intention of the owner at the time was to reduce the smell of the lagoon by spreading barley straw.
    - Subsequently this practice was not practical for the farmer and caused issues with the straw sinking to the bottom.
    - Understanding currently that manure is being pumped on top of the lagoon, which causes excess odor during a north east wind.
  - The owner indicated, that they would be planting trees to help reduce the smell.
    - No trees have been planted.

Based on the past, Ron and Marlys would support the expansion based on the following conditions/recommendations:

- 1.) Trees need to be planted around the barns, specifically to the South of the barns, to beautify the area and keep the smell of the animals contained due to the proximity of their residence and a community of 300 people.
- 2.) Current Lagoon/Lagoon expansion to have the manure pumped from underneath as opposed to the current practice of the manure pumped on top of the lagoon which causes unnecessary odour.

Sincerely,

Richard Pearse  
Cc Ronald and Marlys Pearse

# Glenway Colony Farms Ltd

June 15, 2020

Technical Review Co-ordinations Unit:

We, Glenway Colony Farms Ltd, are concerned about the proposed request TRC 12-072 – Weststar Pork Inc. to expand its hog operations near Dominion City, MB.

Glenway Colony Farms is a Hutterite community (est. 1966) of approximately 70 residents and our residential yard site less than 1 mile from Weststar's current facilities and proposed expansion.

The community of Glenway would like to express our opposition to the proposed expansion even though we have a farrow to finish pork operation of our own. The reason for our opposition is the close proximity of the barns to our residential community and our own hog operation – less than 1 mile.

The existing Weststar facility and proposed expansion are all-in all-out finisher barns that are filled with animals that are trucked in from multiple other hog operations. This transporting of animals from multiple places greatly increases the potential for spread of highly infectious diseases such as PED. We are a family farm that relies on a farrow to finish hog operation as a primary source of income and employment. Temporary reduction or loss of production due to infectious diseases has a significant negative impact on our community financially. This is compounded by the fact that Glenway Colony's hog operation is a farrow to finish operation under one roof. Infectious outbreaks have greater impact on the herd and are more costly. Also, it is more challenging and costly to treat and/or eradicate diseases in farrow to finish operations. In many cases, the costly (6 to 8 months loss of production) depopulation of the entire herd is required to get rid of the disease.

Air pollution (odor) due to the open (uncovered) lagoon storage the Weststar facility uses is already a concern because of the operation's close proximity to our residential yard site. Expanding the Weststar facility would only increase this as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our viewpoint and for allowing us to express our concerns and opposition to the expansion.

Let us know if you have further questions,





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