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Victor Kleinsasser
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Dear Victor Kleinsasser:

## Re: Crystal Spring Colony Farms Ltd domestic wastewater lagoon – Public Hearing Decision

The department received public comments for your application for an Environment Act Licence to construct a domestic wastewater lagoon in the Rural Municipality of Armstrong, located at SE 28-18-3 EPM, Manitoba.

Public comments include concerns on proximity to the neighboring residences, risk of flooding, lack of proper consultation, lagoon maintenance and operational issues, effect on surface and ground water quality especially on the downstream area such as Willow Creek and Lake Winnipeg, impact on fish spawning, Species At-Risk and wildlife, not considering other wastewater treatment options, cumulative effect on Lake Winnipeg, and impact on Climate Change. A team of provincial technical experts also reviewed and commented on the application. The branch sent the comments to you for information and response. All comments and responses are posted on the public registry at: <a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6193/index.html">https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6193/index.html</a>.

Upon completion of the review and before a licensing decision is made, licence conditions will be drafted to ensure effective environmental management. The potential environmental impacts of this proposal are well known and can be mitigated. At this time, I am not recommending a Clean Environment Commission public hearing to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

This decision may be appealed in writing to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change within 30 days of the date of this letter at <a href="minecc@manitoba.ca">minecc@manitoba.ca</a>.

If you have follow-up questions, please contact Barsha Sagan, A/Senior Environmental Engineer, Environmental Approvals Branch at Barsha.Sagan@gov.mb.ca or 204-795-7175.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Agnes Wittmann Director The Environment Act

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