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Decommissioning of the City of Brandon's expanded IWWTF and Maple Leaf Foods Inc.'s operationally improved pretreatment plant, is not foreseen to occur within at least the next 45 years; that is, at least until the Maple Leaf Pork plant is decommissioned. The City of Brandon and Maple Leaf Foods Inc. recognize that part of their commitment to environmental stewardship entails proper decommissioning of the treatment sites in the future. Therefore, the general decommissioning of the sites must be planned for in the early stages of the project. Once the decision is made to decommission the IWWTF and/or the pretreatment plant, a consultation process with the appropriate provincial environment authorities will be opened to develop a site-specific decommissioning plan. It is anticipated that the general steps undertaken to return the land to a useable state will include at least those listed below:

- All chemicals and hazardous materials will be transported to and from the plant treatment sites according to TDG regulations to be properly disposed of or used at other plants.
- Sludge, liquids and used or partially used membrane filters will be removed from any tanks or other underground storage facilities and disposed of in an appropriate manner in accordance with provincial guidelines and criteria.
- Any contaminated materials on the site will be removed, replaced, remediated, isolated or otherwise mitigated through a combination thereof to the satisfaction of provincial environmental officials.
- Equipment will either be salvaged for use at other sites or collected and disposed of as scrap metal.
- The plant buildings will be similarly disassembled and portions recycled or sold as scrap metal.
- Foundations and other above grade concrete will be broken up and hauled to a landfill.
- Any below grade cavities from such things as underground pits or tanks (there are no underground tanks on either site now) or other underground storages will be removed or filled with sand or other inert materials so as to not become a future hazard.
- The surface of the site will be regraded and/or covered with topsoil and reseeded, depending what is deemed most appropriate at the time.
- An environmental audit of the site will be undertaken by a qualified consultant to report on the state of any remaining contamination.
- A detailed decommissioning report will be provided to provincial environment officials upon completion of the plant decommissioning.