



CATTLE CARCASS DISPOSAL POLICY

Beginning July 12, 2007 new Federal regulations, which impact industry, ranchers and local governments, came into effect in an effort to help eliminate bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or mad cow disease. The new regulations, termed Enhanced Feed Ban, are under the direction of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and impact the disposal of waste categorized as Specified Risk Material (SRM).

SRM waste is defined as:

- the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia (nerves attached to the brain), eyes, tonsils, spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia (nerves attached to the spinal cord) of cattle aged 30 months or older;
- the distal ileum (portion of the small intestine) of **cattle of all ages**; and
- **cattle deadstock.**

Available Disposal Options

Materials classified as SRM waste including cattle deadstock **will only** be accepted for disposal at the Regional District Sub-Regional Landfill facilities. These are:

- Knockholt Western Sub-Regional Landfill (located near Houston, BC)
- Clearview Eastern Sub-Regional Landfill (located between Vanderhoof and Fort St. James, BC)

Cattle deadstock or materials designated as SRM waste will however not be accepted at the Knockholt or Clearview Landfills without the disposer possessing a valid CFIA permit, which is also required for transportation purposes. An addition, a **visible stripe** must be visible down carcasses' backs, and **all SRM must be stained.**

To obtain a CFIA permit please call the **Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Williams Lake District Office – (250) 305-3004.** Should SRM waste or cattle deadstock arrive at the Landfill without a valid CFIA permit or the carcasses are not marked appropriately, the waste will be refused for disposal.

Should you have any questions regarding the new Enhanced Feed Ban Regulations or disposal options, please contact the **Director of Environmental Services for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339.**