
Agricultural Waste Control Regulation Review Comment Form for 2nd Policy Intentions Paper

The Ministry of Environment (the ministry) is currently reviewing the Agricultural Waste Control Regulation (AWCR) in consultation with agriculture industry representatives, provincial ministries and other stakeholders. The new agricultural environmental management policy framework will include:

- Updated policy;
- A revised regulation or code of practice that will be enacted under authority of the *Environmental Management Act* (EMA); and
- Guidance documents (such as guidelines, fact sheets, beneficial management practices) and other non-regulatory approaches.

The updated policy and proposed regulatory revisions build on public feedback received on the previously (1st) posted policy intentions paper, and extensive and collaborative consultation with agriculture stakeholders. A 2nd policy intentions paper summarizing the proposed policy changes and proposed regulatory revisions, as well as links to previous consultation documents and public comments, are provided on the ministry's [AWCR website](#).

All submissions will be reviewed for inclusion without attribution in a consultation summary report to be made public following the consultation period. Please note that comments you provide and information that identifies you as the source of those comments may be publicly available if a Freedom of Information request is made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

All consultation comments and feedback will be considered in finalizing the proposed policy. The proposed regulatory changes will then be drafted for consideration by the Minister and Lieutenant Governor-in-Council. The ministry may consult further with stakeholders during the design and implementation of changes that are advanced into policy or law.

If you have any questions or comments about the public consultation process, please contact the Ministry of Environment - Environmental Standards Branch by the email or mail addresses below.

The ministry welcomes all submissions or comments regarding this policy intentions paper. Please submit your comments on this form, or directly, by:

Email: env.ag.reg.reviews@gov.bc.ca

Mail: PO Box 28159 Westshore RPO
Victoria B.C. V9B 6K8

Comments to the ministry should be made on or before August 31, 2015.

Thank you for your time and comments!

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Discussion Questions

The following discussion questions are based on a regulatory review update that can be accessed from the ministry's [AWCR website](#).

A. General questions

A.1 In your view, do you feel that British Columbia's current agricultural environmental management policies and regulations are effective?

- Not effective at all Significant gaps Adequate Quite effective Very effective

What are the reasons for your choice?

A.2 Do you have any comments regarding the **ministry's goals** for updating the regulation (see 2nd policy IP page 1)?

A.3 Do you have any comments about **key environmental concerns** and agricultural practices (see 2nd policy IP page 1)?

A.4 Do you have any comments about **key policy concepts** in the updated policy and revised regulation (see 2nd policy IP page 2)?

B. Structure and content of the updated policy and revised regulation

B.1 Do you have any comments regarding "**general considerations**" and/or the over-arching goal for the revised regulation (see 2nd policy IP page 2)?

B.2 Do you have any comments with respect to consideration of risk to the environment and the ministry's **risk-based approach** in the revised regulation (see 2nd policy IP page 3)?

B.3 Do you have any comments regarding **updating definitions** (see 2nd policy IP page 3)?

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B. Structure and content of the updated policy and revised regulation (continued)

- B.4 Do you have any comments regarding **setback distances** (see 2nd policy IP page 4)?
- B.5 Do you have any comments regarding **storage requirements** (see 2nd policy IP page 4)?
- B.6 Do you have any comments regarding **agricultural composting** (see 2nd policy IP page 5)?
- B.7 Do you have any comments regarding **land application of nutrients** (see 2nd policy IP page 5)?
- B.8 Do you have any comments regarding **managing mortalities** (see 2nd policy IP page 6)?
- B.9 Do you have any comments regarding **use of wood waste** (see 2nd policy IP page 8)?
- B.10 Do you have any comments regarding **livestock access to water in feeding areas** (see 2nd policy IP page 9)?

C. Ministry's approach to compliance

- C.1 Do you have any comments regarding the ministry's approach to compliance with respect to agricultural environmental management (see 2nd policy IP page 10)?

D. Additional comments?

- D.1 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the ministry regarding updating the Agricultural Waste Control Regulation?

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Background and Area of Interest

Please check the appropriate boxes if your primary interest in the ministry's review relates to your:

- Work in the agricultural sector:**
Please describe your work and/or sector (e.g., field crops, poultry, dairy, berry crops, greenhouse, fruit grower):
- Work in the private sector consulting to or supporting the agricultural sector:**
Please describe your work and/or sector (e.g., agrologist, supplier):
- Work for a government regulatory agency:**
Please describe (e.g., federal, provincial, municipal):
- Work for a public sector organization:**
Please describe (e.g., health authority, education institution, Crown corporation)
- First Nation:** Please describe:
- Involvement or work for an environmental or community interest group:**
Please describe:
- Other interest:** Please describe:

Thank you for your time and comments!

Please return this form with your comments to the ministry on or before August 31, 2015.

If you wish, you may also provide contact information below. This information will be compiled separately from your comments and used to inform respondents of postings of the summary of comments and updating the ministry's agricultural environmental management policy framework.

Contact Information

If you wish to receive further information concerning an updated agricultural environmental management policy framework, please provide your contact information - **including an email address** below.

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Contact Name:

Business or Organization Name (if appropriate):

Email:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

Thank you once more for your interest in agriculture and environmental management in British Columbia.

*If you have any further questions, please contact the Ministry of Environment - Environmental Standards Branch at:
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