

## **NDP Convention Resolutions**

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### **Auditor General Auditor Conservation**

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WHEREAS the Auditor General's audit of Manitoba's Department of Conservation's Management of the environment livestock program was released in October 2007; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General's report identified the following failures to ensure compliance with legislation and process to protect the environment and includes many recommendations:

- 4-1-1 Permits issued with no permit application received.
- 4-1-2 Inconsistent sign-off on permit application review.
- 4-1-3 Permits issued without verification of applications for other required licenses.
- 4-1-4 Site inspection not conducted before permits were issued.
- 4-1-5 Consultation with Municipalities limited.
- 4-1-6 Municipal conditions not incorporated into permits.
- 4-1-7 Clients acceptance of permit conditions not required.
- 4-2 Need to strengthen construction-monitoring processes.
  - 4-2-1 Written inspection results not provided to the operator or representative
  - 4-2-2 Inappropriate timing of final inspection.
  - 4-2-3 Inadequate assessment of soil test results.
  - 4-2-4 Inadequate certification by professional engineers.
- 4-3 Need to strengthen post construction monitoring process.
  - 4-3-1 Periodic inspections not risk based
  - 4-3-2 Periodic inspections narrow in scope.
  - 4-3-3 Insufficient follow up on issues identified during inspection
  - 4-3-4 Operator acknowledgement of periodic inspections not required.
- 4-4 Strategy to identify, assess and approve non-permitted manure storage facilities needed.
  - 4-4-1 No strategy to identify non-permitted manure storage facilities.
  - 4-4-2 No strategy to assess and approve non-permitted manure storage facilities.
- 4-5 Need to strengthen the process for monitoring.
  - 4-5-1 Inadequate assessment of manure management plants
  - 4-5-2 Manure management plants submitted at the request of Municipality not reviewed by Conservation.
  - 4-5-3 No follow-up on manure management plants submitted for registration

- 4-5-4 No follow-up to confirm manure spread.
- 4-5-5 Internal audit of manure management plans narrow in scope.
- 4-5-6 Inadequate communication of internal audit results of manure management plans of operator.
- 4-5-7 Inadequate follow-up of manure issues identified
- 4-6 Need to maximize use of departments information system.
- 4-6-1 Environment management system (EMS) under utilized
- 4-6-2 Date entry issue not resolved
- 5.0 Increased use of information to protect ground water needs.
- 6.0 Limited consultation with other departments and municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The New Democratic Party of Manitoba accept all of the recommendations contained in the Auditor General's of Manitoba's October 2007 audit of the Department of Conservation's management of the environmental livestock program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current pause (moratorium) on new construction of hog raising facilities be continued indefinitely until all of the audit's recommendations have been implemented.