

Agricultural Operation Practices Act Legislative Review Update

What is the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA)*?

The *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) and its associated regulations apply to all operations in Alberta. The Act provides what's commonly referred to as "right to farm" legislation by defining how nuisance issues such as odour, dust, noise and smoke resulting from agricultural activities are addressed. A second part in the Act defines siting and construction standards for manure storage and collection facilities, addresses the application and management of manure to agricultural land and ensures environmental protection through approval and compliance processes which involves affected parties.

Why is the province seeking input on AOPA?

The AOPA regulations expire on June 30, 2017. This provides the opportunity for the province to review the Act and the regulations. The purpose of the review is to clarify legislative intent, facilitate effective implementation and ensure the purpose and objectives of AOPA remain current and relevant, as well as continue to meet both government and industry expectations.

AOPA Purpose

"The purpose of AOPA is to ensure that the Province's livestock industry can grow to meet the opportunities presented by local and world markets in an environmentally sustainable manner."

How will stakeholders be able to provide their input on AOPA?

Through stakeholder engagement, feedback will be gathered and provided to help inform the Government of Alberta on issues with the legislation.

The AOPA legislative review has several phases that are anticipated to be completed by June 2017:

1. Issue identification and verification by stakeholders
2. Detailed issue and solution analysis
3. Stakeholder engagement on issues and solutions
4. Recommendations and final report

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