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Agriculture and food celebration  
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#### Issue 29, July 4/07

This issue of the Meating News is the first since the BCFPA office moved to Vancouver. Please note our new address is:  
2929 Commercial Drive #204  
Vancouver BC V5N 4C8  
Phone: 1-877-356-1660

#### Best Wishes to Julie Labelle

Julie Labelle, BCFPA Communication Officer has left the BCFPA. Julie did terrific work for the BC Food Processors Association. We wish her well in her new position with the BC government. Replacing her is Donna Brendon, who comes to the Association from the BC Dairy Foundation.

#### Public Health Advisors Assist MIES Team

There are now four Public Health Advisors assisting Help Desk Field Staff with questions related to abattoir potable water and liquid waste disposal. **Chris Nagy** is working with Abra Brynne in the Kootenays; **Tim Roark** with Murray Coates in the Kamloops area and with Abra Brynne in the Okanagan; **Art Hamade** with Shirley Hamblin in the north; and **David Coombe** with Maria Castro on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Sunshine Coast.

#### Development of a Code of Practice for Slaughter and Poultry Processing Industries by Ministry of Environment

On May 1, MOE published an [Intentions Paper](#) to which BCFPA-MIES responded on May 18 with a detailed critique. BCFPA was very concerned that the first draft exposed plant operators to significant costs and unworkable requirements, especially for management of wastewater. Through May and early June, we engaged in intensive discussions with MOE, assisted by the Ministries of Health and Agriculture & Lands. Revisions in the form of an [Addendum](#) were published for consultation on June 8. BCFPA engaged a waste water engineer to assess the process and cost implications of the May 1 and June 8 drafts of the Code and note that in the June 8 version, our concerns have been addressed and the excessive costs removed. The Code was scheduled come into force on June 30 and we will continue to work closely with MOE to develop materials and plan for orientation of plant operators. We will work even more closely with plant operators to facilitate the acceptance of their waste systems. The orientation plan will be put in place as soon as possible.

#### SRM capital cost assistance programs

In partnership between Agriculture and Agri-food Canada (AAFC) and the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (BCMAL), [the Specified Risk Materials S\(RM\) Program](#) is designed to assist the province's beef processing sector in complying with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's enhanced feed ban, which takes effect on **July 12, 2007**. By now, all operators should have received notification by e-mail, fax or mail. If you have questions please contact [John Luymes](#), Resource Management Branch, Abbotsford Phone: (604) 556-3114  
Toll free: 1-888-221-7141

#### Canadian Cattlemen's Association Verified Beef Production

The website for this new program is [www.verifiedbeef.org](http://www.verifiedbeef.org). **Verified Beef Production (VBP)** is designed to minimize potential beef food safety hazards on your farm operation using the internationally accepted food safety standard called using the internationally recognized HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points). BC's version can also be viewed at:  
[www.cattlemen.bc.ca/vbp.htm](http://www.cattlemen.bc.ca/vbp.htm)

#### Employee Safety Orientation for the Food Industry

The BCFPA Safety and Human Resources Committee has produced a safety orientation DVD designed for the food industry. The 42-minute video is designed to complement new employee orientation. Order the DVD (\$79.95) by calling 1-877-356-1660 or e-mail: [info@bcfpa.ca](mailto:info@bcfpa.ca)

**Want to get involved or know anyone who should be?** If you are interested in joining any of the MIES groups, contact the Donna at 1-877-356-1660 or [info@bcfpa.ca](mailto:info@bcfpa.ca).  
[BCFPA Web Site](#)

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