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In regards to the letter sent out to the residents of the Rural Municipality of Tache ref # TRC 12-097.

Steinbach Hatchery poultry barn was erected without any communication going out to the residents, so therefore we had no say of this operation going forward or not. Permits are required for house renovations or buildings and need approval from surrounding residents but this barn only needed the fire commission office's approval because the loophole was the amount of units, they were small enough that the permit from the Municipal office was not required.

Now they want to expand the units and now we get notified, to say the least this was their intention right from the beginning, get it built and then expand. Unfair to us. This barn is owned by a corporation not just a farmer and this area is grain farmers and property residents with some acres. The coyotes are running in the fields because Steinbach Hatchery spreads the chicken parts in the field. This makes it difficult for the deer habitat and walkers with or without dogs to walk down the roads. Hundreds of dead chickens go into BFI bins so as a concerned resident we are opposed to extra units.

Lorne and Geraldine Mourant

From: [Sandra Lambert](#)
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Expanding a hen hatchery may not be a good idea for a number of reasons, including:

1. Environmental impact: Hen hatcheries generate a significant amount of waste, including manure and other noxious byproducts. Expanding a hatchery increases the amount of waste produced, which can have negative environmental impacts such as pollution, increased level of ammonia and greenhouse gas emissions. As a resident of RM of Tache in close proximity with the hatchery, under the current animal capacity the air quality has been impacted since they started their operations. Intense hens farming confined in relatively small spaces can result in high levels of ammonia and other gases being emitted into the air. These gases contribute to poor air quality and can have negative impacts on human health, other small farm animals in the area, wildlife, the environment and limit residents to enjoy outdoor recreational activities due to the noxious fumes.
2. Animal welfare concerns: Expanding a hen hatchery can lead to overcrowding and poor living conditions for the birds that increase the risk of sick and injured birds. This can result in increased stress, disease, and significant mortality rates among the hens. In addition, if the expansion goes through and there is all of the sudden a market saturation the hatchery will be forced to incur unnecessarily in higher euthanasia rates in response to the market trends.

I would 100% support sustainable farming with animal welfare practices at the core of their operations. However, based on the proposal for expansion they are not making any modification to the per animal units' ratio of 120.4 used with the current population, meaning they are overlooking the NFACC transition recommendation to enriched cages which requires a larger area. As a concerned resident and very much impacted by a possible expansion of Steinbach Hatchery operation I firmly oppose to the proposal TRC 12-097

Regards,

Sandra Lambert

From: Ken Yellowega
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Subject: Expansion
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I Ken Yellowega am emailing in concern of TRC12-097 hatchery expansion. I would like to know how you are going to control the amount of waste from the hatchery, when you are going to more than double the amount of birds you have now. How is that going to impact the environment and the ecosystem in the area.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rich Lambert
To: [+WPG139 - TRC](#)
Subject: Opposition to the proposed expansion of the Steinbach Hatchery Ltd. (TRC 12-097)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the Steinbach Hatchery Ltd. (TRC 12-097) in the RM of Taché. I am deeply concerned about the negative impacts that this expansion would have on the environment and the health of residents living in close proximity to the hatchery.

As you may know, poultry operations can produce significant amounts of air pollution, water pollution, odor, and health risks. The production of chicken feed and the disposal of chicken waste can lead to high levels of ammonia and other harmful gases, which can cause respiratory problems for those living in the vicinity of the hatchery. In addition, the discharge of wastewater from the hatchery can contaminate nearby water sources with harmful pathogens and pollutants, leading to environmental degradation and health risks for those exposed.

Furthermore, there have been several days where the odor of the current operation has been unbearable, making it impossible to enjoy nature in our backyard. This issue is only likely to get worse with the proposed expansion, which will exacerbate the already negative impact on our quality of life and ability to enjoy our outdoor spaces.

Given the potential negative impacts of this expansion, I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to approve this project. It is important to prioritize the health and well-being of residents and the environment over corporate profits. Alternative measures such as investing in sustainable and environmentally friendly farming practices should be encouraged and supported.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to hearing your response on this issue.

Sincerely,

Richard Lambert
Resident of RM of Taché in close proximity to Steinbach Hatchery Ltd.

From: Shawn Schreyer
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Hi in regards to the proposed expansion of the steinbach hatchery, I am against the expansion. I live right across the road from the I never received any notification of the project. I only found out by accident.

Since the first barn was built I have seen a large increase in insect activity(flys), more than normal skunk issues, regular days of smelling the barn (the regular Southwest wind). I am also wondering when I will start having rat issues especially if the expansion is done, I also expect that my property value will be impacted negatively.