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Letter to Stakeholders

The Government of Manitoba has announced its intention to bring certain farm buildings under *The Buildings and Mobile Homes Act* (the Act) so that building code requirements apply to the construction of these buildings. At this point in time, all Manitoba farm buildings are exempt from building code requirements.

While the change, currently before the Legislature, provides that the Act will apply to farm buildings, the details regarding the types of farm buildings that will be covered, and the nature of the building requirements, will be contained in a regulation.

A copy of a [Discussion Paper on the Regulation of Farm Buildings](#) is enclosed for your review. The purpose of the paper is to solicit stakeholder opinion on the proposals for the application of building codes to farm buildings. It is proposed that code requirements apply to farm buildings over 600 square meters in area, and that the buildings be covered under the existing Manitoba Building Code. We look forward to your comments on these proposals and ask that you provide them in writing, by **June 15, 2009** to the following address:

**Office of the Fire Commissioner
508-401 York Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 0P8**

The document is also available on our website at www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca. If an organization wishes to discuss the proposals further with a representative from our office, please call (204) 945-3322 in Winnipeg or toll-free 1-800-282-8069 to arrange a meeting.

Our province has incurred significant farm building losses in recent years. We believe that these losses can be reduced and prevented through the development of building codes and standards that are applicable to farm buildings. Thank you for taking the time to consider this important initiative and we look forward to your comments as we move forward.

Yours sincerely

“Original signed by”

Douglas M. Popowich
Fire Commissioner
Province of Manitoba

Attachment

cc: Jeff Parr