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Enforcement order issued to composting operator

Edmonton... The Government of Alberta has issued an enforcement order against Tongue Creek Feeders Ltd., a company that manages three composting sites northwest of High River. The order addresses the company's non-compliance with the *Code of Practice for Compost Facilities* and the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

Tongue Creek Feeders Ltd. were exceeding authorized volumes of waste in their facilities and accepting waste types other than those stipulated in the Code of Practice. The company was also working without an operations plan and failed to report contraventions in their operations.

Under the order, the operator must develop and implement a comprehensive groundwater monitoring plan, prepare operations plans for all three facilities, submit an odour and dust mitigation plan, and provide monthly data of the waste streams for all three facilities.

Through inspections, education, and strict enforcement measures, Alberta Environment's compliance team ensures individuals and companies adhere to the acts and regulations Alberta has in place to protect human health and the environment.

Enforcement orders are issued under the authority of Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and *Water Act*. Orders can be issued to remedy a number of environmental problems where the acts have been contravened. The orders are designed to ensure immediate action is taken to correct a situation.

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