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Alberta Veterinary Medical Association
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In conjunction with the Animal Health
Investigation Process Steering
Committee

Today's Agenda

Professional Considerations – Dr. Duane Landals, Registrar, AVMA

The Animal Health & Complaint Investigation Procedure – Mr. Dwayne
Waisman, AEUB

Refreshment Break

Post Mortem Procedures – Dr. Ted Clark, PDS

Lunch Break

Diseases of Cattle – Dr. Al Perry, AAFRD

Oil & Gas Industry Chemistry – Dr. Deib Birkholz, Enviro Test

Refreshment Break

Toxicology – Dr. Joe Kendall, AAFRD

Epidemiology & Statistics – Dr. John Berezowski, AAFRD

Panel Discussion



Petroleum Industry Livestock Incidents

Professional Considerations

Dr. Duane Landals, Registrar
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Who is responsible for the cost of veterinary services and diagnostics required in an investigation?

If the oil/gas facility operator chooses to pay for veterinary services, can the livestock owner or veterinarian withhold that information from the oil/gas operator? (With or without a formal investigation being undertaken.)

If the operator pays for the veterinary diagnostics and it is found that the animal health problems are not related to the oil/gas facility, can they recover costs? If so, from whom?

How much objective diagnostic material does a veterinarian require to support a diagnosis of oil/gas related health problems?

If a veterinarian has not ruled out the most common differentials; what are the consequences?

(i.e. Makes an “over the counter diagnosis.”)

Should photographs be taken with film or is digital equally acceptable?

What should be done if the livestock owner does not notify the veterinarian of animals that have died in a timely manner? (i.e. An animal dies and the veterinarian does not have the opportunity of doing a PM before the carcass deteriorates to the point the diagnosis is not possible.)