

Agricultural Biosecurity Standard Operating Procedures - Manitoba Hydro Property Department

Appendix 1: Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project

1. PURPOSE

The following appendix to the standard operating procedure protocol is intended for use on properties along the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project route. If landowners express concern about a heightened level of risk from equipment or vehicles, the following protocols can be used to provide them with assurance that the risk is being managed.

2. APPLICABILITY

All properties used for agricultural purposes, even those not zoned for agricultural use, will require biosecurity procedures to be applied. If the use of the land is unclear, assume that it is being used for agriculture and apply biosecurity.

If landowners have additional biosecurity concerns or requests, please document them in field notes, tailboard meeting notes or another appropriate means.

3. FOOTWEAR

In fields with wet or disturbed ground where there is potential for accumulation of soil on footwear, staff and contractors will be issued with multiple pairs of rubber boots. A clean pair of boots will be used on each individual property. Boots will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the day.

4. DISINFECTION

For disinfection, staff and contractors are to use Virkon 5 gram tablets. The process for disinfecting is as follows:

- a) Scrape off heavy soil deposits from your boots, tools or vehicles.
- b) If using tablets, mix one tablet for every 500 ml of water
- c) Apply Virkon by spraying. If this is not an option, please use a mop, sponge or cloth.
- d) Do not re-use a solution in which contaminated tools or equipment has been soaked
- e) To ensure maximum effectiveness, please prepare a new batch of solution each day.
- f) Any waste solution associated with disinfection is to remain on the field where it was used. It must be disposed of at least ten metres from a drain or drainage ditch to avoid the risk of spreading clubroot spores. Virkon is biodegradable, and no further treatment of the waste solution is required

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5. LANDOWNER COMMUNICATION

If landowners have questions or concerns about biosecurity or other aspects of MMTP, please direct them to contact their assigned liaison in the Licencing and Environmental Assessment Department.

6. APPROVALS

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NOTE: This procedure will be reviewed annually by management. As conditions change or new information becomes available, this document may be revised prior to the annual review date.

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