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Farm Stray Voltage EB-2007-0709

Dear Ms. Walli:

I have reviewed the proposed Farm Stray Voltage test protocols and find them thorough and practical. Technicians will be able to follow the directions and the tests ought to provide clear and reliable evidence of stray voltage if it is present.

I have tried to consider how the tests might from time to time lead to false negative or false positive results and regret I can offer little in this regard. However, it may be useful to note that misleading results are possible, though unlikely and that when either the customer or the local distribution company have doubts about the results, the first step should be a review of the test reports and the test equipment. If there is any question that remains after those reviews and the doubt is supported by physical evidence such as continued problems with livestock; the tests should be repeated.

Again on behalf of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture I thank you and your staff and Mr. Quesnelle and Dr. Balsillie for the substantial and very thorough effort they gave to this work. The Board's work is greatly appreciated throughout the farm community in Ontario and I know it has caught the attention of farmers in many parts of North America as well.

Sincerely,

Ted Cowan

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