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April 29, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Notice of Board of Livestock Milk Assessment Rule Committee Follow-up Meeting

To all interested parties,

The Milk Assessment Rule Committee of the Board of Livestock will be meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00AM in the Department of Livestock Conference Room (Scott Hart Building) in Helena. The purpose of the meeting will be to analyze data gathered on the prudent costs of our program of FDA compliance. From this data we hope we can determine one or more options for adjustments we can make in the current administrative rule that will allow our revenues to meet the needed expenses for Fiscal Year 2017. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Board of Livestock on May 11th at their scheduled meeting for potential approval. If a solution is approved by the Board on May 11th it will have to go out for a period of public comment before official adoption.

This meeting on May 4th will be open to the public and will welcome those that are impacted by this fee to be a part of the conversation. If you plan to attend please let Donna Wilham, <u>dwilham@mt.gov</u>, know by May 2nd so that we can make sure we have enough space.