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Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association Statement on Railways Exceeding the Revenue Cap

The Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association is concerned about the recent finding by the Canadian Transportation Agency that Canadian National Railway Company and Canadian Pacific Railway Company exceeded the revenue cap for the 2007-2008 crop year by almost \$60 million.

The SCGA supports the current regulation that stipulates the overpayment plus penalty be turned over to the Western Grains Research Foundation. The SCGA also acknowledges that the appeal process is available to the railway companies will take several months to resolve and may reduce the amount of the excess over the revenue cap and penalty.

The SCGA supports the work and research which is carried out under the Western Grains Research Foundation and using the excess railway revenue from grain transportation benefits all grain producers.

The SCGA acknowledges this situation involves a significant amount of producer's money but the current regulations preclude a direct payment back to producers and the appeal process may significantly reduce the final amount paid by the railway companies. The SCGA encourages a review of the regulations regarding the automatic payment of excess rail revenue for grain transportation and the regulations possibly be rewritten to consider the repayment of money to grain producers in specific situations when the excess dollar is over a certain amount. The SCGA also supports a call for a costing review of the grain transportation by railways and a review of the penalty process.

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