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MANAGING NUISANCES CAUSED BY CANNABIS PRODUCTION IN ONTARIO

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During the ramp up to legalization of non-medical cannabis in October 2018, production in agricultural and rural areas has greatly expanded. Due to skunk-like odours and the use of lighting during dark winter months, the complaints by neighbours has also increased dramatically. Nuisance concerns from farms, including odour, are not a new problem. The Ontario government frequently receives and mediates nuisance complaints related to farms such as odour complaints from dairy farms, light concerns from greenhouses or dust concerns from grain dryers. The Ontario government has also established a tribunal, the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board to resolve disputes related to nuisance complaints. This presentation will provide a summary of the regulatory framework that currently exists for cannabis production in Canada. It will also highlight the current challenges and potential solutions to managing nuisance concerns from cannabis operations.



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