Farmstead Flood Recovery Checklist:

Electrical Equipment

- Animals housed in mechanically ventilated buildings may need to be moved to prevent acute exposure to hazardous gases.

- Inspect wiring and plumbing for damage. All breaker panel boards, breakers, fuses, disconnect switches, controllers, receptacles, switches, light fixtures and electric heaters that have been submerged generally must be replaced. Check with an electrician.

- Do not turn on the power to a flooded structure until it has been inspected and a licensed electrical contractor or electrical inspector has determined it is safe.

- All electrical equipment, electric motors and other similar equipment such as appliances that have been submerged need to be reconditioned by the original manufacturer or its approved representative, or replaced. Electrical wiring may require replacement, depending on the type of wire or cable and its use. Splices and terminations must be checked to make sure they comply with the National Electrical Code.

** THIS FACT SHEET IS BASED ON NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY RESOURCES DEVELOPED BY KENNETH HELLEVANG, EXTENSION ENGINEER.**