

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. RON SIMMONS
PROPOSAL NAME: AGRICORE COOPERATIVE LIMITED
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING
GRANULAR FERTILIZER
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4697.00

OVERVIEW:

On September 26, 2001, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated September 25, 2001, to operate a bulk granular fertilizer blending/storage and distribution facilities located on land leased from the Canadian National Railway on a portion of the SE¼ 24-34-29 WPM in the Village of Durban in the Rural Municipality of Swan River. The proponent has operated a 760 tonne dry bulk fertilizer storage facility since about 1980. Normal hours of operation are between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with extended hours during the peak spring and fall agricultural seasons. The operation is a satellite operation of the Agricore Benito Agro Centre, so it is not staffed on a permanent basis.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Swan River Star & Times published on Tuesday October 16, 2001. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the North-West Regional Library and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on October 4, 2001, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on November 13, 2001.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency state that based on their staff survey, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this proposal is not required.

Culture, Heritage and Recreation - Historic Resources has no concern with regard to its potential impact on heritage resources.

Sustainable Resource Management states that there is no indication that concrete pads are in place at all loading/unloading areas. They suggest that if not already in place, they should be constructed as soon as possible to ensure proper containment and easy cleanup of any spilled fertilizer.

Disposition: The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Industry, Trade & Mines - Petroleum Branch has no concern with regard to this proposal.

Agricultural Resources state that according to the R.M. of Swan River Zoning By-law No. 2178, the proposed parcel of land is zoned "HD" Hamlet Development Zone and agricultural services are considered a conditional use within this zone.

Transportation & Government Services are concerned that contaminated runoff be contained within the Agricore premises, and that Agricore may be requested to enter into an agreement with Transportation & Government Services to cover potential liability issues that may be associated with drainage from the site.

Disposition: Concerns have been forwarded to the proponent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No public hearing will be conducted.

RECOMMENDATION:

TAC concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

The responsibility for enforcement of the Licence should remain with Approvals Branch until the proponent complies with Clauses 10, 12, 13, and 14.

A draft Environment Act Licence is attached for the Director's consideration.

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