

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. BRETT CHRISTIE
PROPOSAL NAME: UNITED GRAIN GROWERS
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: MANUFACTURING - ANHYDROUS
AMMONIA STORAGE TANK
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4173:00

OVERVIEW:

On May 22, 1996, the Manitoba Environment received a Proposal dated May 21, 1996, to install and operate an anhydrous ammonia storage tank, and distribution facilities to be located on the SW1/4 32-14-12 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Westbourne. The 30,000 U.S.W.G. vessel will be placed at this site along with an anhydrous ammonia nurse wagon storage areas complete with weigh scales and driveways. The expected hours of operation will vary during the spring and fall peak activity periods.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Gladstone Enterprise published on June 11, 1996. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at Main & Centennial Public Libraries and the Portage Plains Regional Library. The proposal was distributed to TAC on May 29, 1996 with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on July 9, 1996.

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.

Natural Resources - Policy Coordination Branch has reviewed the proposal and based on the information provided have has no concerns which would limit approval of this project.

Rural Development states that the proponent notes that the land use designation is Agriculture, Code 30 and a redesignation to Commercial, Code 60 would be required. Rural Development note there is no Development Plan or Zoning By-law in the R.M. Of Westbourne, therefore the redesignation is not required. They have no concerns with the proposed application.

Health concerns include licence clauses to address site security and emergency response plans.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Environmental Management Water Quality has no concerns regarding surface water quality.

Environmental Operations concerns are that the proposed sewage disposal system is registered in accordance with Manitoba Regulation 95/88R and that separation distances be applied as recommended by our department.

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 12,17 and 18.

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

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