SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. RON SIMMONS PROPOSAL NAME: AGRICORE COOPERATIVE LIMITED CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1 TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - LIQUID/ GRANULAR FERTILIZER CLIENT FILE NO.: 4654.00

OVERVIEW:

On July 11, 2001, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated July 4, 2001, to construct and operate a bulk granular/liquid fertilizer blending/storage and distribution facilities to be located on part of the SW¹/₄ 25-9-2 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Macdonald. The proponent plans to construct a 1800 tonne dry granular bulk fertilizer blending and storage facility. An bulk liquid fertilizer tank of unspecified size is also proposed for future installation. Normal hours of operation are expected to be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. with extended hours during the peak spring and fall agricultural seasons.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Headingley Headliner published on Monday July 30, 2001. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Manitoba Eco-Network and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on July 18, 2001, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on August 18, 2001.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

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

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

<u>Sustainable Resource Management</u> - states that the 100 year flood level on the La Salle River at this location is 238.9 metres, G.S. of C. datum. They state the flood risk can be addressed by ensuring that all structures and loading/handling areas be at least 0.6 metres above the 100 year flood level. They also state that contaminated water should remain on the site for safe disposal.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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

<u>Regional Health Authority - Central Region</u> - concerns include adequate protection against groundwater contamination, chemical spills and fire, and that the proponent development an emergency response plan.

<u>Disposition:</u> The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

<u>**Transportation & Government Services**</u> has no concerns with the proposal, but notes this development will attract additional traffic to the site particularly at the intersection of PTH 2 & PR 332.

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, 13. 14, 15, 16 and 17.

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

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