

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: MR. WAYNE ALFORD
PROPOSAL NAME: SWAN VALLEY SEEDS LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING -
CROP PROTECTION WAREHOUSE -
SEED STORAGE
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4762.00

OVERVIEW:

On March 27, 2002, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated February 22, 2002, to install and operate a crop protection products warehouse, a bulk seed storage, and distribution facilities located on the SW¼ 4-36-27 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Swan River. The proponent intends to install an approximate 30' x 20' portable steel c/w steel seal welded floor meeting all the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards. The site will also contain an office building, machine sheds and seed cleaning/storage plant. The hours of operation will vary with activity from April 15 to November 1 each year.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Swan River Star & Times published on Tuesday April 16, 2002. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the North-West Regional Library (Swan River), and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on April 5, 2002, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on May 8, 2002.

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.

Health concerns with this proposal are internal and external containment measures for preventing contaminants entering sewage system or municipal ditches. In addition concerns include current inventory control, proper emergency response plan, and adequate protection of surface and ground waters.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Sustainable Resource Management state that adequate precautions should be taken to control chemical spills as the site has shallow groundwater zones, some of which have been developed for shallow large diameter wells. In addition they are concerned that a

spring runoff channel exits through this site and discharges into the Roaring River. Contaminated liquids should not be discharged through this drain channel.

Disposition:

Concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Water Quality Management stated they have concerns regarding the quality of the secondary berm (gravel) and its containment abilities.

Disposition:

Concerns were provided to the proponent. The proponent has proposed a re-designed of the containment area and berm using impervious clay materials.

Transportation & Government Services state they have no objections provided that all drainage into highway ditches is controlled within a bermed areas equipped with a mechanical control culvert. If drainage from this containment area is into Provincial Road (PR) 486 ditches, they request the applicant enter into an agreement to cover potential liability issues.

Disposition

The proponent is required through the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Association to carry off property chemical liability insurance. The concerns were provided 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 1, 2, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

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

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