

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. HENRY ENNS
PROPOSAL NAME: MID-SASK AG SERVICES LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING -
CROP PROTECTION WAREHOUSE
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5335.00

OVERVIEW:

On April 3, 2008, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated March 27, 2008, to construct/install/upgrade and operate a crop protection products warehouse, an anhydrous ammonia storage tank and distribution facilities located on the SW¼ 28-36-29 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Swan River. The site already contains a permanent mounted 25,000 USWG (US water gallons) anhydrous ammonia storage vessel and office. An approximate 30' x 14' crop protection warehouse complete with steel floor is to be constructed. Normal hours of operation are to be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended hours expected at seeding and harvest.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Swan River Star & Times, published on Tuesday April 15, 2008. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Manitoba Eco-Network, the North-West Regional Library, the Millennium Public Library and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on April 7, 2008, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on May 12, 2008.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Historic Resources Branch has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns with regard to this project's potential to impact heritage resources.

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.

Agriculture Food and Rural Initiatives state the site already contains anhydrous ammonia storage and therefore have no issues or concerns.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation has reviewed the proposal and have no concerns regarding this development.

Parks and Natural Areas Branch has reviewed the proposal and has no comments.

Wildlife & Ecosystem Protection Branch stated that the loading area should be a slight curb to prevent any spilled chemical running into the soil. They suggest roofing over the loading pad to reduce the amount of runoff requiring treatment if it becomes

contaminated. Precipitation or fire water contained in secondary containment should be tested and any contaminated liquids should be disposed at an approved waste disposal facility.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Pollution Prevention Branch concerns include drainage to local rivers, AWSA protocols, waste management protocols and emergency response contacts.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Water Stewardship stated that the proponent may require a water rights licence if water is used to mix chemicals. They have concerns regarding location of surrounding creek and local residences. They recommend that the AWST Standards for chemical warehouses be followed. Secondary containment should be installed outside the warehouse, to ensure that no potentially contaminated product or fire retardant leave the development site or drain into the Woody River. The containment should be fitted with a control culvert which should remain closed except for release of rain water or snow melt. Potentially contaminated liquids should be tested prior to release or deposal at an approved waste disposal site. All sewage must be directed to an approved on-site wastewater management system.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 29.

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

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