SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOONENT: MR. JOSEPH SIERENS
PROPOSAL NAME: SIERENS SEED SERVICE
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - CROP PROTECTION WAREHOUSE, SEED WAREHOUSE
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4414.00

OVERVIEW:

On February 1, 1999, Manitoba Environment received a Proposal dated January 25, 1999, to operate a crop protection products warehouse, a seed warehouse and distribution facilities to be located on the NE¼ 24-5-10 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Lorne. The warehouse will consist of a non-combustible exterior siding and measure approximately 90' x 50'. It will meet building codes and CPI warehouse standards. The hours of operation will be seasonal on a 6 days a week basis to coincide with customers needs.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Morden Times published on Monday February 8, 1999. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the South Central Regional Library, and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on February 1, 1999, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on March 4, 1999.

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.

Natural Resources has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns.

Health concerns include adequate protection against chemical spills and fire, and the proponent develop an Emergency Response Plan. In addition they are concerned with distances to nearest neighbours and protection of their farm well.
Disposition
The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Environmental Management Water Quality has reviewed the proposal and has no surface water quality concerns. Terrestrial Quality states the yard surface should be covered with a reworked clay layer with low permeability to prevent downward movement of any spills or contaminated water. The bermed area should be sloped to provide for a retention area outside the warehouse and be fitted with a mechanical control culvert to allow release of snow melt and rain water runoff.

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, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21.

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

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