OVERVIEW:

On July 16, 1999, Manitoba Environment received a Proposal dated July 13, 1999, to construct and operate a crop protection products warehouse, a bulk granular/liquid fertilizer blending/storage, a seed storage, and distribution facilities to be located on the NE ¼ 8-25-19 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Dauphin. The proponent intends to construct a 40' x 76' chemical storage warehouse meeting all the Agrochemical Warehousing Standards. The granular fertilizer storage and blending facility will consist of approximately 1000 tonne of storage in hoppered steel bins. In addition the liquid fertilizer will consist of 12 tanks with a total capacity of approximately 500,000 gals. The future seed retail/storage will consist of six hoppered steel bins with a 1000 tonne capacity. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday with extended hours during the peak periods.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Dauphin Herald published on Tuesday August 17, 1999. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Environment Library (Main) and the Dauphin Public Library. The proposal was distributed to TAC on August 9, 1999, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on September 17, 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.

Natural Resources - Policy Coordination Branch have reviewed this proposal and state that this site overlies a shallow sand aquifer used for water supply in the area. They request monitoring wells be installed to monitor impacts over time.
The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Highways state they have no objection to this development as outlined in the proponent's proposal. They further state that the proposed site is adjacent to Provincial Trunk Highway(s) (PTH) 5 and 10. Statutory regulations state these are Limited Access Highways under the jurisdiction of the Highway Traffic Board. Any new, modified or relocated access on these highways requires a permit from the Highway traffic Board. A permit is also required for any change in land use, construction of structures and objects within 76.2 m from the edge of the right-of-way or any planting within 15.24 m from the edge of the right-of-way. They request any drainage from the development into the highway ditches be bermed and fitted with closure culverts.

Disposition
The information has been provided to the proponent and concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Environmental Management - Water Quality has reviewed the proposal and has no surface water quality concerns

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, 10, 11, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 30.

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

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