SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. CAM STEWART

PROPOSAL NAME: IMPERIAL OIL LTD. (PORTAGE AGRI SALES)

CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - CROP PROTECTION

WAREHOUSE - GRANULAR FERTILIZER

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

CLIENT FILE NO.: 4508.00

OVERVIEW:

On March 24, 2000, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated March 14, 2000, to construct and operate a crop protection products warehouse, a bulk granular fertilizer blending/storage, petroleum products storage, and distribution facilities located on RL 48 Parish of Portage la Prairie8-20. The proponent intends to construct a 32' x 60' chemical storage warehouse meeting all the Agrochemical Warehousing Standards. The existing site already has installed a 12 tonne bulk granular fertilizer shed. In addition there are 9 hopper bottom bins with a capacity of 300 tonnes. The site also has a 32' x 50' petroleum products shed. There are 8 fuel tanks with a total capacity of 176,000 litres surrounded by a metre high earthen berm. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday with extended hours during the peak farming seasons of April 15 to July 1 and September 1 to October 31 including Saturdays and Sunday.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Portage Herald Leader Press published on Tuesday, April 4, 2000. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Portage Plains Regional Library and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on March 27, 2000, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on May 3, 2000.

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

<u>Natural Resources - Policy Coordination Branch</u> have reviewed this proposal and state they have no concerns.

Health concerns include adequate protection against fire hazards and chemical spills.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

<u>Rural Development</u> state the land is designated "Agro-commercial" in the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie's Development Plan, and zoned "Rural Industrial". As this development is a Conditional Use in this zone, they have no concerns or comments relative to the proposal.

<u>Environmental Management - Water Quality</u> has reviewed the proposal and have no surface water quality concerns.

Environmental Operations state that based on the information provided, they have no comments or 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, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 23.

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

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