

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: MR. DAVE PEDERSEN
PROPOSAL NAME: PEACAN MEAL PROCESSORS
CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: FEED MILL
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4529.00

OVERVIEW:

On May 18, 2000, the Manitoba Environment received a Proposal dated May 17, 2000, to construct and operate a pea meal processing facility (feed mill) and distribution system to be located on the NE ¼ 25-13-27 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Miniota. The development will consist of a 30' x 66' service building, which will house the processing equipment and office space. In addition there will be a truck scale, dumping pit and six hopper bottom bins for storage of raw ingredients (ground peas + canola oil). Annual production is targeted for 20,000 tonnes of feed. The expected hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

One public complaint/concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Hamiota Echo published on Saturday, May 27, 2000. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Border Regional Library (Virden), the Manitoba Eco-Network and the Main Environment Library. The proposal was distributed to TAC on May 23, 2000 with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on June 23, 2000.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Lynne Cornish of Miniota, Manitoba presented a letter of concern at the Rural Municipality of Miniota Council's Conditional Use Hearing held on May 29, 2000. She felt the proposed location was too close to the Miniota Community expressing concerns regarding potential noise, odour and dust. In addition she was concerned that the Municipal Councils assume no responsibility concerning potential noise, odour, or dust concerns.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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 has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns.

Community Land Use Planning Services state they have no planning concerns but note that the Village of Miniota's lagoon is located directly northwest of the subject site. Odour from the lagoon may affect plant employees.

Health concerns include licence clauses to address emergency response plans, sound, odour and particulate matter, proper domestic sewage system, rodent control and following gasoline and diesel regulations.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Environmental Management Water Quality Management have reviewed the proposal and have no surface water quality concerns. Air Quality Management asked for additional information regarding the distance to nearest residents and the mitigation measures to be use to control dust emissions.

Disposition:

Additional information was supplied by the proponent and the concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Environmental Operations concerns are dust, odour and noise emanating from this facility. As the nearest residence is approximately 350 metres to the northwest standards limits routinely applied to this type of development should adequately address these concerns. They also point out that the lagoon is only 200 metres to the west and whereas the departmental guidelines for separation to residents are 300 metres, there are no set standards for a manufacturing plant.

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 be assigned to the responsible region.

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

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