SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSENENT: MR. BRETT CHRISTIE
PROPOSAL NAME: UNITED GRAIN GROWERS LIMITED
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - GRANULAR FERTILIZER
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4671.00

OVERVIEW:

On August 30, 2001, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated August 13, 2001, to upgrade and operate a bulk granular fertilizer storage tank and distribution facilities located on the NW¼ 29-14-11 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Westbourne. The proponent plans to upgrade their older granular fertilizer shed. Hours of operation are expected to be as needed during the peak spring and fall agricultural seasons.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Gladstone Enterprise published on Monday September 10, 2001. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the R.M. of Westbourne Municipal Office and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on September 4, 2001, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on October 9, 2001.

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.

Sustainable Resource Management states that the proposal has been reviewed and have concerns about spilled granular fertilizer being allowed to dissolve and be carried by precipitation runoff to local watercourses or municipal ditches.

Disposition: The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Industry, Trade & Mines - Petroleum Branch has no concern with regard to this proposal.

Regional Health Authority - Central Region concerns include adequate protection against chemical spills, fires and development of an emergency response plan.
Disposition: The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Agriculture & Food has no concerns with the proposal.

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 10, 11, and 19.

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

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