OVERVIEW:

On July 13, 2003, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated July 11, 2003, to renovate/construct and operate a crop protection products warehouse, an existing bulk granular fertilizer blending plant and storage and distribution facilities located on Lot 1, Plan 2593 in the Town of Ste. Rose. The proponent intends to renovate an approximately 27' x 30' of an existing workshop or re-locate an existing warehouse to this site to store crop protection chemicals meeting all the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards. The site also contains a bulk granular fertilizer storage warehouse and blending plant. The normal hours of operation will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday increasing during the peak spring/fall periods.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Dauphin Herald, published on Tuesday July 29, 2003. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, Manitoba Eco-Network, the Dauphin Public Library and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on July 22, 2003, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on August 25, 2003.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

**Historic Resources Branch** has reviewed the proposal and have no concerns with regard to this project's potential to impact heritage resources.

**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.

**Sustainable Resource Management** state there is no indication that runoff from other areas of the property will not flow towards the berm area. They request that the berm only collect runoff generated in the immediate vicinity of the chemical warehouse. They also have concerns that the loading pads should have a slight curb on all sides to prevent spilled chemical running off into the soil. They request a roof over the loading/unloading areas to eliminate precipitation from the containment area, which could become
contaminated. They state that soil information indicates sand and a sand/clay mixture from surface to underlying till. They recommend the addition of a low permeability layer to further protect the aquifer.

Disposition:
The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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**Parkland Regional Health Authority** concerns include licence clauses to address protection of surface and ground water sources; internal and external containment measures to prevent pollutants or contaminated wastewater leaving the site and entering sewage disposal or municipal ditches; current chemical inventories maintained on and off site; and an Emergency Response Plan to address spills and fires.

Disposition:
The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

**Manitoba Agriculture & Food** have identified no 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, 21 and 23.

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

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