SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSAL NAME: KEN KANE AERIAL SPRAY (1988) LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - CROP PROTECTION WAREHOUSE
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5085.00

OVERVIEW:

On February 8, 2005, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated January 24, 2005, to construct/install and operate a crop protection products warehouse and distribution facilities to be located on the S½ 11-13-7 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie. The proponent intends to construct a 30' x 50' metal storage warehouse to store crop protection chemicals meeting all the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards. The warehouse is to be clay bermed to prevent potentially contaminated liquids leaving the site. The normal hours of operation will be from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday increasing during the peak spring/fall periods as required.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Portage Herald Leader, published on Tuesday February 22, 2005. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Portage la Prairie City Library, the St. James-Assiniboia Public Library and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on February 10, 2005, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on March 17, 2005.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Historic Resources Branch has reviewed the application and does not have any concerns with regard to this project’s potential to impact heritage resources.

Sustainable Resource Management Branch state the sites soil characteristics requires the area be engineered with compacted clay with berms and control culverts/gates. In addition concerns include that a sealed concrete pad be required for loading spray planes.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.
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.

Regional Health Authority Central Manitoba Inc. health concerns include adequate protection from chemical spills and fire hazards and development of an emergency response plan.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives state that the site is composed of "Gnadenthal" imperfectly drained loam soil base. They state the department has no concerns provided that the warehouse is protected with a containment dike.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Transportation & Government Services have reviewed the proposal and have 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, and 21.

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

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