OVERVIEW:

On January 25, 2007, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated January 16, 2007, for the operation and construction of a crop protection products warehouse, seed cleaning/storage and distribution facilities to be located on the SE¼ 1-5-3 EPM in the Rural Municipality of De Salaberry. The proponent intends to install an approximately 14’ x 30’ potable steel building c/w steel welded floor meeting the Agricultural Warehousing Standards. This is in addition to the existing seed plant and seed storage. The normal hours of operation will be followed from April to November with extended hours during spring/fall farm operations.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Steinbach Carillon published on Thursday February 1, 2007. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Winnipeg Public Library, the Manitoba Eco-Network, Jake Epp Public Library (Steinbach) and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on January 26, 2007, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on March 2, 2007.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

**Historic Resources Branch** has no concern with regard to its potential impact on heritage resources.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** Environment Canada is concerned that the proponent be aware of the New Substance Notification Regulations as well as the Environmental Emergency Regulations.

Disposition:  
The information was provided to the proponent.

**Water Stewardship** state that the mixing of chemicals onsite may require a water rights licence under the Water Rights Act.
Sustainable Resource Management Branch has reviewed this proposal and have no concerns with the proposal.

Manitoba Transportation & Government Services they state they have reviewed the proposal and 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, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 28.

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

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