

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: MR. REG HELWER
PROPOSAL NAME: SHUR-GRO FARM SERVICES LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - CROP PROTECTION
WAREHOUSE - GRANULAR/LIQUID FERTILIZER
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA STORAGE TANK
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4517.00

OVERVIEW:

On April 20, 2000, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated April 17, 2000, to continue operation of a crop protection products warehouse, a bulk granular/liquid fertilizer blending/storage, an anhydrous ammonia storage tank, and distribution facilities located on the NW ¼ 1-3-17 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Turtle Mountain. The development currently contains a 40' x 40' chemical storage warehouse meeting all the Agrochemical Warehousing Standards. In addition there are eight liquid fertilizer tanks capable of holding 1060 metric tonnes. The site also contains a granular fertilizer storage and blending facility with a 1000 metric tonne capacity, and an anhydrous ammonia storage tank. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday with extended hours during the peak periods.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Killarney Guide published on Monday May 1, 2000. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Lakeland Regional Library (Killarney), and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on April 25, 2000, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on May 26, 2000.

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.

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

Natural Resources - Policy Coordination Branch have reviewed this proposal and state they have no concerns.

Health concerns are that changing the drainage from East to West may impact on the well and septic tank located North of the office. In addition they are concerned that there is adequate protection of surface and ground water.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Manitoba Highways & Government Services state that any liquids released into the ditch of PTH 18 may require the proponent to enter into any agreement to cover potential liability issues that may be associated with drainage onto the PTH right-of-way.

Disposition:

The information has been provided to the proponent. The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Community Economic Development has reviewed the proposal to add a concrete dike for the bulk fuel, a new culvert for off-site drainage and have no concerns.

Environmental Management - Water Quality has reviewed the proposal and has concerns regarding the use of a Municipal ditch as a containment area. The concern is that this area is not fenced and open to the public. Terrestrial Quality has concerns that the warehouse and containment area have at least 45 cm of compacted clay. They also have concerns regarding the use of the ditch for containment. They suggest a clay berm with a control culvert.

Disposition:

The proponent has supplied further information for clarification. The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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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