

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: A & M Goodman Investments Ltd.
PROPOSAL NAME: Waste Acid Batteries Transfer Facility
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: N/A
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Hazardous Waste – DGH&T Act
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5095.00

OVERVIEW:

On April 22, 2005, the Department received an Application from A & M Goodman Investments Ltd. for the development and operation of a waste lead acid battery transfer facility.

On May 2, 2005 the Department placed copies of the Application in the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station), the St James-Assiniboia Public Library, Steinbach and the Manitoba Eco-Network. As well, copies of the Application were provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. The Department placed a public notification of the Application in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 7, 2005. The newspaper and TAC notification invited responses until June 7, 2005.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments or concerns were received from the public

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Historic Resources - No concerns.

Transportation and Government Services - No concerns.

Health - No apparent areas of concerns.

Intergovernmental Affairs - No concerns.

Conservation had the following concerns:

1. There is no information on the loading pad. Is it inside the building so that unloading and loading occurs under cover and on the impervious concrete floor of the warehouse? If it is outside, there should be a paved loading pad to prevent any soil contamination when loading or unloading batteries. The loading pad should also have an appropriately sized sump to catch contaminated runoff, either from washing it down or from precipitation.

Disposition

The comments were forwarded to the applicant and the following response was received:

“Our loading pad is located inside the building. Trucks back up to the loading dock and all of the loading and unloading is done inside of the building directly onto the concrete floor.”

Conservation (cont.)

2. Although the proponent has an emergency spill plan in place, a concrete curb should be in place so that if there is an unnoticed spill, it does not reach the drain.

Disposition

The comments were forwarded to the applicant and the following response was received:

“The area where the pallets of batteries will be stored is approximately 2 inches lower than the rest of the warehouse floor, thus creating a natural lip or curb which would contain an unnoticed spill.”

3. Water used to flush a spill area should be disposed of appropriately because it may contain toxic substances.

Disposition

The comments were forwarded to the applicant and the following response was received:

“Any water used to flush a spill would also be neutralized with caustic soda and then put into an appropriate container and disposed of through an environmental service company that specializes in the disposal of hazardous waste.”

4. Section vii states “all batteries will be stored on an impervious concrete floor.” Section ix, indicates were a spill to occur, the “spill will be contained so it cannot run into any open sewers.” Does this mean the impervious floor will have drains?

Disposition

The comments were forwarded to the applicant and the following response was received:

“The floor does not have a drain.”

5. Section ix states the area of the spill will be flushed with water. It does not say what will be done with the water/solution once this has been done.

Disposition

The comments were forwarded to the applicant and the following response was received:

The same response as #3.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

The application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act with respect to this proposal will not be required.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not required.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Applicant should be issued a Licence, in accordance with the attached draft, to operate the Waste Lead Batteries transfer facility. Enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the Red River Region.

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