

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. DAVID KLASSEN
PROPOSAL NAME: PARRISH & HEIMBECKER LIMITED
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING -
CROP PROTECTION WAREHOUSE -
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5306.00

OVERVIEW:

On December 3, 2007, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated November 30, 2007, for the operation and construction of a crop protection products warehouse and distribution facilities to be located on the NW¼ 18-23-2 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost. The proponent intends to install an approximately 15' x 30' portable building c/w steel welded floor with 12" containment curb exceeding the Agricultural Warehousing Standards. The proposal states there will be external containment around the chemical storage. The normal hours of operation will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during the week with extended hours during spring/fall farm operations.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Interlake Spectator published on December 21, 2007. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Millennium Public Library, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Selkirk-St. Andrews Regional Library, the R. M. of Bifrost and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on December 17, 2007, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on January 18, 2008.

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 state that based on their staff survey, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this proposal is not required.

Water Stewardship-concerns include meeting Agrichemical Warehousing Standards including building curbing, secondary site containment with gated culvert, sampling for contamination, proper sewage disposal, and preventing contaminants reaching the Icelandic River.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch has reviewed this proposal and state that the loading area should be a slight curb to contain potential spills along with a sump to clean up spills. They suggest roofing over the loading pad to reduce the amount of runoff requiring treatment if it becomes contaminated. Secondary containment should be installed outside the warehouse equipped with control culverts. Contaminated liquids should be testing prior to any release and properly disposed of. Site should be protected with a layer of impervious material to prevent downward leaching.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives have reviewed the proposal and stated the proposed development is within the RM of Bi-frost not RM of Armstrong.

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, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

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

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