

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: MR. BOB ANDERSON
PROPOSAL NAME: AGRICORE COOPERATIVE LIMITED
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - SEED WAREHOUSE GRANULAR FERTILIZER
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4506.00

OVERVIEW:

On March 14, 2000, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated February 29, 2000, to construct and operate a seed storage warehouse, a bulk granular fertilizer blending/storage and distribution facilities to be located on Lots 1-3, Block 1, Plan 33724 WLTO River Lot 46 in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost. The proponent intends to construct a steel shell 36' x 36' seed storage building on a concrete floor. The proponent also plans to construct a 1800 tonne dry granular bulk fertilizer blending and storage facility. The development in full operation will have approximately 10-15 full time employees. Normal hours of operation are expected to be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Interlake Spectator published on Monday March 27, 2000. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the R.M. of Bifrost Office (as Registry) and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on March 20, 2000, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on April 20, 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.

Culture, Heritage and Recreation - 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 the proposal does not address possible impacts on the Icelandic River. The area of the warehouse is subject to periodic flooding from this river. The 100 year flood level is 228.2 metres, asl, so they

recommend that the finished grade at the warehouse be at a minimum elevation of 228.5 metres and the finished floor grade be at least 228.8 metres, asl. They also are concerned about the apparent variability in the depth to the bedrock aquifer and suggest that two test holes be drilled to confirm the stratigraphy.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Environmental Operations concerns are that normal licence clauses should address dust control, spill containment, emergency response, and fire.

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 9, 13 and 14.

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

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