

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. CLEM MacVICAR
PROPOSAL NAME: IMPERIAL OIL
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING -
ANHYDROUS AMMONIA STORAGE TANK
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4955.00

OVERVIEW:

On June 9, 2003, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated June 3, 2003, to upgrade and operate a bulk anhydrous ammonia storage tank and distribution facilities located on land leased 11373 with the Canadian National Railway Properties on R.L. 451, Plan 3599 in the Rural Municipality of Morris. The proponent intends to upgrade an existing 30,000 USWG (US water gallons) anhydrous ammonia storage tank. The site also contains water troughs for personal protection. The normal hours of operation are seasonal from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm for 6 weeks in the spring, decreasing to 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for 4 weeks in the fall.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Morris Scratching River Post, published on Wednesday June 25, 2003. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, Manitoba Eco-Network, South Central Regional Library (Morden), the R.M. of Morris (as registry) and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on June 16, 2003, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on July 18, 2003.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Historic Resources Branch has reviewed the proposal and have no concerns with regard to this project's potential to impact 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.

Sustainable Resource Management state that the proponent should prepare an emergency response plan. In addition the nurse tanks and the storage tank should be properly placarded. They state that records indicate that the existing tank meets the requirements of Regulation 59/2002 with regard to flood protection levels.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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Community Planning Services state the entire Silver Plains Station Grounds falls within the "A" Rural District under the RM of Morris Planning Scheme. There is no provision for anhydrous ammonia facilities as either a permitted or conditional use in the "A" Rural District. However, this facility has been in existence for nearly 25 years and these types of uses are generally more appropriate in a rural area relatively distant from settlement centres. Although there are several farmyards in the vicinity of the proposal, the nearest one is over two miles away. There currently is an application for subdivision awaiting the RM of Morris Council response. Community planning recommend that the municipality obtain an emergency response plan.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Regional Health Authority has reviewed the proposal and their concerns include adequate protection against spills and the development of an emergency response plan.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Manitoba Agriculture & Food 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 8, 10, 14, and 15.

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

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