

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: MR. CURTIS BELL
PROPOSAL NAME: MID-SASK AG SERVICES LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING -
CROP PROTECTION WAREHOUSE
GRANULAR FERTILIZER
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5110.00

OVERVIEW:

On May 27, 2005, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal undated, to construct/install and operate a crop protection products warehouse, an existing bulk granular fertilizer blending plant and storage, a petroleum products storage warehouse and distribution facilities located on the SW¼ 35-20-28 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Russell. The proponent intends to construct/install a steel clad buildings approximately 24' x 40' to store crop protection chemicals meeting all the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards. The site also contains bulk granular fertilizer storage in five hopper bins with a total capacity of 360 metric tons. The site also contains a warehouse to store Imperial Oil petroleum products. The normal hours of operation will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday increasing during the peak spring/fall periods.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Russell Banner, published on Tuesday June 7, 2005. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Manitoba Eco-Network, the St.James-Assiniboia Public Library, the Dauphin Public Library, The R.M. of Russell (as Registry) and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on May 30, 2005, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on July 4, 2005.

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 they have concerns that information received from the proponent regarding emergency response contacts were mainly Saskatchewan based personnel and should be replaced with appropriate Manitoba contact information.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Parkland Regional Health Authority concerns include licence clauses to address protection of surface and ground water sources; internal and external containment measures to prevent pollutants or contaminated wastewater leaving the site and entering sewage disposal or municipal ditches; current chemical inventories maintained on and off site; and an Emergency Response Plan to address spills and fires.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Transportation & Government Services have identified no concerns.

Water Quality Management has reviewed the proposal and has no surface water quality 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 1, 2, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23.

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

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