

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. ROSS MCKNIGHT
PROPOSAL NAME: LINEAR GRAIN INC.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING - ANHYDROUS
AMMONIA FERTILIZER
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4669.00

OVERVIEW:

On August 24, 2001, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated August 23, 2001, to relocate and operate a bulk anhydrous ammonia fertilizer storage tank and distribution facilities to be located on the NW¹/₄ 16-12-8 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie. The proponent plans to relocate a 30,000 gallon anhydrous ammonia storage tank from their Carman site. A large number of nurse tanks and application equipment will be stored at the site for use in the spring and fall seasons. This is in response to a Conservation Department Abatement Project. Normal hours of operation are expected to be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. with extended hours during the peak spring and fall agricultural seasons.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Portage Herald Leader Press published on Tuesday September 4, 2001. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Portage la Prairie City Library and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on August 27, 2001, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on September 28, 2001.

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.

Sustainable Resource Management states that the proposal site plan does not include surface water flow of the property. They state there is a third order drain within 0.5 km of the proposed property line and are concerned that a ditch may flow from the site to this drain. They are also concerned about possible nitrogen concentrations in ground water near the proposed tank siting.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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Industry, Trade & Mines - Petroleum Branch has no concern with regard to this proposal.

Regional Health Authority - Central Region concerns include adequate protection against chemical spills and development of an emergency response plan.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Agriculture & Food has no concerns with the proposal.

Manitoba Conservation - Regional Operations has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns regarding this facility.

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 10, 11, and 19.

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

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