

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Munro Farm Supplies Limited - Macgregor
PROPOSAL NAME: Munro Farm Supplies Limited - Macgregor
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Bulk Materials Handling Facility
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5481.00

OVERVIEW:

On August 26, 2010, Manitoba Conservation received a proposal dated August 20, 2010 for the continued operation of an anhydrous ammonia distribution facility to be located at NE 28-11-10 WPM within the Town of MacGregor, Manitoba in the Rural Municipality of North Norfolk.

The Department, on September 10, 2010, placed copies of the Proposal in the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station), the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Millennium Public Library and the Portage la Prairie Public Library. Copies of the Proposal were also provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. A notice of the Environment Act proposal was also placed in the Portage Central Plains Herald on September 11, 2010. The newspaper and TAC notifications invited responses until October 11, 2010.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) indicated the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has not determined its interest in this project. When a formal response is received from DFO to CEAA, it will be provided in writing.

Health Canada (HC) determined it can provide expert advice related to human health if a written request is submitted to HC.

Disposition:

No action needed.

Conservation (Aboriginal Relations Branch)

No concerns.

Conservation (Parks and Natural Areas Branch)

No comments.

Conservation (Pollution Prevention Branch)

No comments.

Conservation (Sustainable Resource and Policy Management Branch)

No concerns.

Conservation (Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch)

No concerns.

Water Stewardship reviewed the submitted proposal. The Department has the following comments:

Manitoba Water Stewardship recommends an *Environment Act* Licence to include the following requirements:

If the proposed development will result in an increase in runoff rate or volume, prior to beginning construction of the proposed development, the proponent is required to submit an application for a Water Rights Licence to Construct Water Control Works, including the submission of an engineered drainage plan, prepared by a Professional Engineer, registered to practice in the Province of Manitoba.

A contact person is Mr. Ed MacKay, C.E.T., Senior Water Resource Officer, Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing, Manitoba Water Stewardship, 1129 Queens Avenue, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 1L9, telephone: (204) 726-6226, email: ed.mackay@gov.mb.ca.

The Licencee shall develop and implement an Emergency Response Plan, including the following:

All potentially contaminated water from the site must be contained on the Proponent's property. Therefore, secondary containment must incorporate a gated culvert which must remain in the closed position unless authorized by Manitoba Conservation. Where there is a concern that accumulated water is contaminated, the liquid should be sampled prior to release.

Potentially contaminated water cannot be released until approval is obtained from Manitoba Conservation, after a review of water sample test results submitted from a laboratory accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation Inc. (CALA; Internet address = <http://www.cala.ca>). Water samples shall be retrieved from any source on the Proponent's property, or adjacent properties that might have been contaminated.

Manitoba Water Stewardship submits the following comments:

Manitoba Water Stewardship does not object to this proposal, at this time.

The Manitoba Department of Water Stewardship is mandated to ensure the sustainable development of Manitoba's water resources. Manitoba Water Stewardship is committed to the goals of: protecting aquatic ecosystem health; ensuring drinking water is safe and clean for human health; managing water-related risks for human security; and stewarding the societal and economic values of our waterways, lakes and wetlands; for the best water for all life and lasting prosperity. Manitoba Water Stewardship achieves these goals, in part, through administering legislation, including *The Water Protection Act*, *The Water Rights Act*, and *The Water Power Act*.

The proponent needs to be informed that erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented until all of the sites have stabilized.

Disposition:

Comments were forwarded to the proponent for information and can be addressed via licence conditions.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No public hearing will be conducted.

RECOMMENDATION:

All provincial comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as licence conditions. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Western Region.

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