

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: ALFALFA PRODUCTS LTD.
PROPOSAL NAME: ALFALFA PRODUCTS LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: CLASS 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL PLANT
CLIENT FILE NO: 1720.10

OVERVIEW:

A proposal dated October 29, 1997, was received from Mr. George Stilwell on behalf of Alfalfa Products Ltd. on October 30, 1997, for the continued operation of an alfalfa drying and processing facility in Fort Whyte at Pt. Lot 63 Parish of St. Boniface OTM Plan 6328 in the City of Winnipeg. The development involves the storage, drying, grinding and pelletizing of alfalfa. Anticipated operation will be annually, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week from June to the end of September.

This proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, December 6, 1997, and was placed in the Centennial Public Library and Manitoba Eco-Network public registries. The proposal was sent to the Technical Advisory Committee on December 4, 1997. The public and TAC comment closing date was January 6, 1998.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Five concerned citizens had the following comments:

1. The current operation should be investigated as to why it is emitting pollution before approval is given for it to continue.

This issue has been addressed in the licence.

2. This operation emits a stench and noxious odour which is impacting on lifestyle of the community.

This issue has been addressed in the licence.

3. Does this operation impact on the health and wellness of nearby residents?

This issue has been addressed in the licence.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. **Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Citizenship – Historical Resources Branch** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

2. **Manitoba Rural Development – Community Economic Development** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

3. **Manitoba Urban Affairs - Urban Planning and Development Branch** - comment that it appears that socio-impacts relating to emissions from the facility have not been adequately addressed by the proponent, and assume that the air quality concerns of the surrounding communities will be adequately addressed through the environmental licencing process.

These issues have been addressed in the licence.

4. **Manitoba Environment – Management Division - Air Quality Management Branch** – has the following comments:

- there is little information given on how emissions from the facility are controlled
- no information on rate of emissions is provided
- the odour nuisance clause should be included in the licence
- the proponent should be required to sample emissions to obtain information on the gaseous and particulate emissions from the site

The above concerns were sent to the proponent for reply. These issues have been addressed in the licence

5. **Environment Canada – Canadian Environment Review Agency** – state that no environmental assessment of this project will be necessary under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Environment Canada indicated a willingness to offer specialist advice.

No response necessary.

6. **Manitoba Natural Resources – Policy Coordination Branch** – has no concerns.

No response necessary.

7. **Manitoba Natural Resources – Sustainable Development Coordination Unit** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

8. **Manitoba Environment - Operations Division – Winnipeg Region** – have the following comments:

- the current standard licence clauses for stack, particulate, noise and odour nuisance clause should be included in the Licence
- liquid waste disposal should be addressed
- a decommissioning clause should be included
- handling and storage of petroleum products according to Manitoba regulations should be included
- a documented cleaning/maintenance plan should be required for equipment
- the proponent should be required to initiate ambient air monitoring and investigating
- the proponent should be required to install all necessary stack sampling facilities upon request
- the proponent should be required to properly dispose of all solid wastes

The above concerns were sent to the proponent for reply. These issues have been addressed in the licence.

9. **Manitoba Agriculture – Soils and Crops - Soil Resource Section** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

10. **Manitoba Highways and Transportation - Highway Planning and Design** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

11. **Manitoba Industry Trade and Tourism** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

12. **Manitoba Health - Public Health - Environmental Unit** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

13. **Manitoba Labour - Workplace Safety and Health Division** – did not respond.

No response necessary.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public hearings were not requested nor convened.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A Licence considering the above relevant concerns as well as those of the Approvals Branch be prepared and issued. Responsibility for enforcement of the Licence may be transferred to the Region.

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