

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Graymont Western Canada Inc.
PROPOSAL NAME: Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: N/A
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Dangerous Goods Handling and
Transportation Act Application -
Used Oil Disposal
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4698.00

OVERVIEW:

On September 28, 2001, the Department received a Proposal from Graymont Western Canada Inc. to develop and operate a waste oil disposal facility consisting of the burning of "on site" generated waste oil and small quantities of other hazardous wastes in the lime kiln at the lime plant/calcium carbonate/limestone quarry complex located at NW ¼ Section 23, Township 28, Range 10 WPM near Faulkner in the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale.

On October 4, 2001 the Department placed copies of the Proposal in the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station), the Centennial Public Library and the Manitoba Eco-Network. A copy of the proposal was also placed in the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale Municipal Office. As well, copies of the Proposal were provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. The Department placed a public notification of the Proposal in the Interlake Spectator on October 15, 2001. The newspaper and TAC notification invited responses until November 13, 2001.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Comments were received from the public.

1. An email was received from Paula and Denis Pelland, residents of Steep Rock. They noted that they were surprised at the number of cancer cases in a 30 mile radius of (plant). They also indicated that they are interested in the testing of heavy metals and other toxic substances on the plant – never mind a dangerous goods burning site.

Disposition:

Mrs. Pelland was contacted by telephone and the licencing process was discussed. The use of the wording "hazardous waste disposal facility" was also discussed. The very small amount (500L per month) of used oil that will be burnt in the lime kiln was discussed. It was also noted that it is preferable to dispose of waste on site rather than transport it long distances and thereby increase the risk of an environmental accident. The concern about the number of cases of cancer in the area was discussed and it was noted that the help of Health Canada was being requested.

The discussions with Health Canada are on going. Statistical analysis of cancers in the area will be carried out if feasible.

2. A phone call was received from Cheryl Springer. She too mentioned that she was concerned that there was a high level of cancer (prostrate, breast and bowel) in that area.

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COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Highways – Replied with the following:-

Manitoba Transportation and Government Services has no concerns regarding the facility at the Faulkner Plant.

The existing lime plant has been in operation at the same location for many years. It is well set back from the nearest highway (PR 239) and its operation has not caused any concerns for the Department and/or the highway users in the area.

Sustainable Resource Management Branch, Conservation noted the following:-

1. Does the proponent presently store the waste oil on-site and ship it via a registered carrier to a commercial hazardous waste facility for recycling and if not, has the proponent explored this option?
2. What is the temperature maintained in the lime kiln?

Disposition:

It is preferable to dispose of waste on site rather than transport it long distances and thereby increase the risk of an environmental accident.

The temperature inside the lime kiln is in excess of 1000°C.

Historic Resources - No concerns with regard to this project's potential to impact heritage resources.

Intergovernmental Affairs had the following comments.

The site is currently being used as a limestone plant and quarry. Limestone ore is mined from the quarry, crushed and screened prior to being calcined in the rotary lime kiln.

The R.M. of Grahamdale has no Development Plan or Zoning By-law in place to regulate land use. Provincial Land Use Policies would apply in this situation.

Our office has no concerns with the proposal, provided that the applicant meets with all Environment and Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation regulations.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency commented that the application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act with respect to this proposal will not be required. There was an additional note that Health Canada is able to provide specialist advice.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not required.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Proponent should be issued a Licence, in accordance with the attached draft, to operate the hazardous waste disposal facility. Enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the Region.

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