

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Winkler Consumers Co-operative
PROPOSAL NAME: Crop Protection Products Warehouse
Fertilizer handling/distribution centre
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Bulk Materials Handling Facility
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5796.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was filed by Winkler Consumers Cooperative for the construction, and operation of the Development being a bulk materials handling facility including a crop protection products warehouse, granular fertilizer and liquid fertilizer handling/distribution facility to be located at 205 Wilcocks Road in the City of Morden. The development will consist of a 9 by 18 meter crop protection chemical warehouse, 8 - 200 metric tonne dry fertilizer facility, and 4 – 94 cubic meter liquid fertilizer facility.

The Proposal was advertised in the Winkler Morden Voice Thursday October 8, 2015. Copies of the proposal were placed in the Public Registries at the Legislative Library, 200 Vaughan St., Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; and the Online Registry. The proposal was distributed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on October 7, 2015. The closing date for TAC and public comments was on November 8, 2015.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Following is a summary of TAC comments received pertaining to the Proposal. Copies of the original comments from TAC are available in the Public Registries.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Crown Lands Branch

No concerns/comments.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Air Quality Section

The proposal is not expected to have any significant impact on air quality.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement

There is no concern with the proposal. They are using the existing chemical warehouse, constructing a new liquid fertilizer storage area with the required secondary containment and new dry fertilizer storage units. The figure showed a seed storage area which was not mentioned in the proposal.

The proponent stated that the control gate will only be opened to remove rain runoff; the proponent should note that such removal can be done only if the runoff has not been contaminated from a previous release or spillage.

Disposition: Proponent responded seed treatment is intended for the site and provided update site diagram.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water

The EAP noted there are no wells on site but did not say whether there will be any water service on the site. If the facility will get water from the City of Winkler public water system and use it for product preparation, the water supply should be protected with backflow prevention devices as called for in *The Manitoba Plumbing Code*. Apart from this point, no other concerns identified in the EAP respecting drinking water quality or safety.

Disposition: Information forwarded to the proponent.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

No comments or concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section

Any water control works (drains, culverts, dykes, dams, etc.) associated with this project will require licensing under the *Water Rights Act* – an application is attached for the proponent’s convenience. Any inquiries in this regard may be directed to the local *Water Resource Officer*. Their contact information may be found at:

[http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/waterstewardship/licensing/pdf/officer_areas_of focus_30mar2015.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/waterstewardship/licensing/pdf/officer_areas_of_focus_30mar2015.pdf)

Disposition: Forwarded as information to the proponent.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Fisheries and Wildlife Branch

No wildlife related concerns.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation

No concerns.

Office of the Fire Commissioner

The Office of the Fire Commissioner recommends that an updated Fire Safety Plan be submitted to the Morden Fire Department for their review.

Disposition: Forwarded as information to the proponent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION:

The Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with First Nations, Métis communities and other Aboriginal communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of a treaty or Aboriginal right of that First Nation, Métis community or other Aboriginal community.

The proposal involves the handling and distribution of agricultural products in a facility in an established industrial area. Adverse effects on surface water or habitat for wildlife or fisheries are not anticipated.

Since resource use is not affected by the project, it is concluded that Crown-Aboriginal consultation is not required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

All comments received have been addressed through additional information, or can be addressed through licence conditions. 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 of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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