

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: MR. GLENN PIZZEY
PROPOSAL NAME: PIZZEY'S MILLING – 2712270 MANITOBA LTD.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING -
FLAX SEED MILLING FACILITY
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5083.00

OVERVIEW:

On January 24, 2005, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated January 11, 2005, to continue operation of a Flax Milling Facility, storage warehouse and distribution facilities located on the SE¼ 4-20-26 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Silver Creek. The proponent known as Pizzezy's Milling began the operation in 1991 to produce specialty seed products for human and animal consumption. The plant consists of a two-story building that houses the milling operation, quality control laboratory and company offices. Flax seed is cleaned using a combination of screens, graders and winnowing. The plant produces clean seed, chaff, screenings and overs. The mill operates on a 24 hour basis with outdoor operations generally undertaken only during the daylight hours.

Several public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Russell Banner, published on Tuesday February 8, 2005. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Manitoba Eco-Network, the R.M. of Silver Creek Office (As Registry), the St. James-Assiniboia Public Library and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on January 31, 2005, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on March 10, 2005.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nydia & Peter Kostuik concerns including the dumping of flax waste material near their property, the potential spreading of noxious weed seeds, the attraction of rodent/animal pests, and potential effects on water pollution.

P. Paradis concerns include air particulates from the mill, attraction to rodent pests, dissemination of noxious weeds, waste disposal, noise and traffic and effects on wildlife in the area.

Lesia & Scott Falloon concerns include open burning of waste materials, dispersal of weed seeds, attraction to rodents and effects on water.

Lorne, Leona, Andy, & Ian Chipelski concerns include disposal of wastes, increase in predators, noxious weed spread, possible contamination of water supply and general inconvenience to neighboring farmland and residences.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

R.M. of Silver Creek council passed a resolution stating if "Pizzey's Milling" follows all Environmental Guidelines and Health, Workplace & Safety Guidelines they have no concerns.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Sustainable Resource Management Branch state there is no qualitative information provided to support the proponent's claim of little emission of particulate material. They request information regarding air pollution controls during the unloading of flax trucks and handling of chaff. They also state that standard odour and noise clauses should address these areas.

Disposition

The proponent stated that a bag house is present to collect particulates during the unloading and cleaning processes. Particulates from this oilseed are heavy and will not travel significant distances.

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.

Regional Health Authority Central Manitoba Inc. health concerns include licence clauses to deal with noise, dust emissions and monitoring.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives state that they have reviewed the proposal for the existing flax seed milling facility and have identified no concerns from an agricultural perspective.

Transportation & Government Services have reviewed the proposal and have no concerns.

Water Quality Management has reviewed the proposal and has no water quality concerns.

Regional Operations has requested further information regarding the subdivision of the proponents residence, any air emissions from the coal-burning boiler, quality and quantity of the potable water supply and proposed treatment, registration and methods of wastewater disposal, separation of human/animal foods, and information regarding the volume and type of solid waste generated at the facility and disposing of same.

Disposition

The request was provided to the proponent for additional information and response. Further information was supplied by the proponent.

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 be assigned to the responsible region.

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

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