

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICANT: KAR-BASHER MANITOBA LTD.

PROPOSAL NAME: Waste Acid Batteries Transfer Facility

CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: N/A

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Hazardous Waste – DGH&T Act

CLIENT FILE NO.: 4470.00

OVERVIEW:

The Department received an Application from Kar-Basher Manitoba Ltd. operating as Wesman Scrap dated January 9, 1998 for the development and operation of a waste lead acid battery transfer facility.

On October 5, 1999 the Department provided copies of the Application to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. The TAC notification invited responses until November 5, 1999.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Natural Resources Had the following comment:

This site is underlain by an aquifer that is very susceptible to groundwater contamination and is used for potable water supplies at some nearby locations. Care should be taken in managing noxious or hazardous chemicals and materials on this site. In order to monitor and control any potential contaminant observation wells should be established

Disposition: Draft Licence includes clauses which address these concerns.

Community Economic Development had the following comment:

Measures should be taken to ensure there will not be spillage of acid onto the ground. Such spillage may result in a negative impact on the soils and ground and surface water. It should be noted the consultant incorrectly located the facility as being in the R M of Cornwallis. In fact it is within the City of Brandon. The City of Brandon zoning by-law applies and the proposed use appears to conform to the by-law.

Disposition: Draft Licence includes clauses which address these concerns.

Historic Resources No concerns.

Environment-Terrestrial Quality Management had the following comments:-

This operation appears to be occurring on sandy and gravelly soils, but there is no indication that a protective layer of clay or other impermeable liner is being used to prevent spills of acid or other products from leaching down through the permeable subsoil. This business should install an impermeable barrier at the soil surface in the areas where the batteries are handled and stored.

Disposition: Draft Licence includes clauses which address these concerns.

Environment-Park West Region had the following comment:

The base of the site should be constructed of impervious material to prevent the contamination of ground and groundwater in the event of a battery rupture.

Disposition: Draft Licence includes clauses which address these concerns.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

The application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act with respect to this proposal will not be required.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not required.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Applicant should be issued a Licence, in accordance with the attached draft, to operate the Waste Lead Batteries transfer facility. Enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the Western Region.

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