

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Brunswick Enterprise Ltd.
PROPOSAL NAME: Brunswick Steel
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Manufacturing -
CLIENT FILE NO.: 649.10

OVERVIEW:

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship received a Proposal on April 5, 2015 for the alteration and continued operation of a steel processing facility located at 125 Bismarck Street in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The facility receives bulk steel for further processing by cutting, rolling, bending and hole punching or ships without any further processing..

The Department, on June 19, 2015, placed copies of the Proposal in the Public Registries located at Legislative Library (200 Vaughan Street), the Winnipeg Millennium Public Library and online at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/649.1brunswick/index.html>. Copies of the Proposal were also provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. A notice of the Environment Act proposal was also placed in the Winnipeg Free Press on June 20, 2015. The newspaper and TAC notifications invited responses until July 20, 2015.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

No Comments.

Manitoba Agriculture – Land Use Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship –Compliance and Enforcement Branch

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement has reviewed the above noted Environment Act License Proposal and would like to make the following comments:

- 1. Proponent indicates natural gas combustion products are to be discharged to the environment, has the discharged air been tested to confirm quality, composition and potency?*

2. *Dust collection systems are mentioned in the Environment Act License proposal, will any air abatement machines be installed (i.e. Scrubbers)?*
3. *Does the proponent intent to use any acid wash when cleaning steel products?*
4. *Brunswick Steel is currently registered as a hazardous waste generator (MBG07429), current hazardous wastes include waste oil and waste paint products. Will the proponent continue to generate these products?*
5. *Please identify waste haulers for wastes listed in the proposal.*
6. *Where does the proponent intend on disposing of the wastewater collected through floor drains?*
7. *Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship requests that an Emergency Response Plan be submitted.*

September 15, 2015 Proponent Response

Attached are my answers from the memorandum sent by Krista Olafson.

1. Yes the air quality is tested every 2-3 years. Attached is an air quality test done earlier this year and you can see that we are well within limits.
2. No we do not use any air abatement machines. The cutting tables have downdraft air removal which is ducted to the dust collector. The particles (steel dust) are recycled with our scrap and made into steel again.
3. No we do not use any acid wash, nor do we “clean” the steel.
4. No we do not generate any waste oil or waste paint products. We don’t do any painting and vehicles are serviced by outside vendors.
5. The waste haulers we use are
 - a. Metal Recyclers – The pick up the scarp bin and take the steel scrap to the mill where it is melted again to make steel.
 - b. Liquid waste – Septic tanks and floor drainage pits are pumped as required.
 - c. Garbage – Removed by a garbage contractor weekly and disposed of.
 - d. Recycling – We recycle paper, tin cans, plastics etc from offices and lunchrooms.
6. The wastewater is simply water that is tracked into the buildings from vehicles driving in and it gets accumulated in drainage pits. These pits are pumped as required by the same company that removes our sewage waste.
7. Our existing Emergency Response Plan is attached.

Disposition

The proponent’s response had been forwarded to the Environmental Complacence and Enforcement Branch and the branch has reviewed the response and has no further comments.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Climate Change and Air Quality Branch

Air Quality Section has reviewed the above proposal and provides the following comments:

- *Based on the provided information, it is expected that there will be no significant impact on air quality due to this facility.*

- *Air Quality Section suggests that the EA Clause regarding noise nuisance be included.*

Disposition

Clause 9 of the draft Environment Act Licence addresses issues related to noise nuisance.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Wildlife and Fisheries Branch

No Concerns

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

Parks and Protected Spaces Branch has reviewed the proposal submitted pursuant to the Environment Act for Request for EAP review/comment - Brunswick Enterprise Ltd. - Metal Mfg. Facility - File: 694.10. The Branch has no comments or concerns to offer as it does not affect any provincial parks, park reserves, ecological reserves, areas of special interest or proposed protected areas.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Forestry Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Aboriginal Relations Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Lands Branch

No Concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Quality Management Section

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Groundwater Management Section

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water

No Concerns

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship– Water Use Licensing Section

No Concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works 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/areas_of_focus_jan_23_12.pdf.

Disposition

The proponent is notified of the recommendation to obtain a licence before any water control work is performed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship– Regional Services Branch

No Response

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism – Heritage Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Innovation Energy and Mines – Energy Development Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Innovation Energy and Mines – Petroleum Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Flood Forecasting Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Highway Planning and Design Branch

No Concerns.

Manitoba Municipal Government

No Response.

Manitoba Health – Environmental Health Unit

No Response.

Manitoba Labour – Office of Fire Commissioner

No Response.

Manitoba Labour – Work Place Safety & Health

No Response

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION:

The Government of Manitoba recognizes that it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with Indigenous communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of the Indigenous rights of that community.

This facility is an existing steel processing facility located on a private land. There would be no infringement of Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Therefore, it is concluded that Crown-Indigenous consultation is not required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Proponent should be issued a Licence for the continued operation of a steel processing facility in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the attached draft Licence. Enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship.

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

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