

September 27, 2007

F. Martin Fee
USDA Rural Development
1303 SW First American Place, Suite 100
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Re: Small Minority Producer Grant (SMPG)
Nicodemus Flour Co-op, Inc. - Nicodemus, KS

Dear Mr. Fee:

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received the USDA Rural Development's August 20, 2007, request for environmental review on behalf of the Nicodemus Flour Co-op, Inc in Nicodemus, Kansas. The Co-op is applying for a grant to complete a Comprehensive Feasibility Study Report of several business development and community initiatives that would utilize a building located at 3848 U Rd, Bouge, Kansas.

A review of regional geologic information along with the site map provided by the City indicates that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect a conceptual feasibility study. Environmental factors, if any, of the proposed facility will likely be more site-specific in nature or dependent on past use of the facility (e.g., asbestos, USTs, herbicides, ect.) and may need to be considered in the future to establish environmental due diligence. However for the purposes of the application, clearance of the project should be granted. A completed request for environmental comments form is enclosed.

This letter is an assessment based on the regional geologic conditions available at the KGS at the time of writing and cannot be used in substitute of a detailed site characterization. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the KGS has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this facility or property. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any necessary characterization, geotechnical or environmental testing, or design by a licensed professional geologist or engineer to complete the project.

Sincerely,



Shane Lyle, RG
Geology Extension Coordinator

Enclosures

cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library

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AGENCY REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM

Comments by: Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66047-

Transmittal Date: _____

PROJECT TITLE: SMPG

CONTACT PERSON: F. Martin Fee, B&CP Specialist

☐ Notification of Int.
☐ Preapplication
☐ Final Application
☐ Direct Development

This form provides notification and the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on this proposed project as required by Executive Order 12372. Please complete Parts II & III as appropriate. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

RETURN TO:

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1303 SW First American Pl.
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Topeka, KS 66604-4040

PART I

REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester,
☐ Agriculture - DWR	☒ Geological Survey, KS	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, KS
☐ Conservation Comm.	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Park
☐ Corporation Comm.	☐ Human Resources	☐ _____
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehab. Serv.	☐ _____

PART II (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)
AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS
COMMENTS:

See review letter

PART III (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)

RECOMMENDED ACTION COMMENTS

☒ Clearance of the project should be granted.	☐ Clearance of the project should not be delayed but the Applicant should (in the final application) address clarify the questions or concerns indicated above.
☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted.	
☐ Clearance of the project should be delayed until the issues or questions have been clarified	☐ Request the opportunity to review final application prior to submission to the federal funding agency
☐ Request a State Process	

Recommendation in concurrence with above comments.

Reviewer's Name: _____

DIVISIONS/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Date: _____

9-27-07



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

August 20, 2007

Dr. William Harrison, Director
Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66047-3726

RE: Small Minority Producer Grant (SMPG)
Nicodemus Flour Co-op, Inc. of Graham County, Kansas
USDA – Rural Development

Dear Dr. Harrison:

Nicodemus Flour Co-op, Inc. of Nicodemus, Kansas has submitted an application to USDA Rural Development (RD) for financial assistance. They plan to utilize this grant to complete feasibility studies for Food Manufacturing initiative, Agri-tourism initiative, and Youth Leadership initiative along with an assessment of the synergistic relationship among initiatives into a Comprehensive Feasibility Study Report. Other funding uses will include the development of a Strategic Business Plan and the implementation of the Plan. This project involves property located at 3848 U Road, Bogue, Kansas 67625 located in Graham County, Kansas. This project does not involve any construction. The enclosed maps show the approximate location for Nicodemus Flour Co-op, Inc. For more specific information please contact F. Martin Fee, Business and Community Programs Specialist at (785) 271-2744.

Please provide written comments (enclosed form and/or letter) to this office within 30 days of the date of this letter concerning any intergovernmental or environmental issues regarding the proposed project. We would appreciate a response from your office regardless if intergovernmental and environmental concerns exist. However, if we do not receive a response from your office by ~~August~~ *September* 19, 2007, we will interrupt the non-response as your office having no concerns or comments regarding the project and will proceed accordingly.

Rural Development will not award any funds for this project until after the 30 days have expired and the Intergovernmental/Environmental Assessment is complete for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Martin Fee".

F. Martin Fee
Business and Community Programs Specialist

Attachments: KS Instruction 1940-J, Exhibit D
Maps

CC: Brandon Prough, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Hays, KS

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