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After reading about the silica and extraction project I, along with many Manitobans oppose the Sio Silica mining operation in Vivian Manitoba. I want to join them in asking the CEC to deny the licence.

A major concern is that it could contaminate the Sandilands Aquifer. It has excellent water quality and is the water source for tens of thousands of Manitobans including an abundance of wildlife and ecosystems.

This Alberta company admitted the procedures and technology in this project are untried and undocumented elsewhere. Would this be a sound investment?

The main purpose of frac sand mining is to facilitate further expansion of the fossil fuel industry which we need to transition away from.

I strongly oppose this project. We cannot put mining extraction ahead of the health of Manitoba citizens and its drinking water.

Best regards

Aline Gavel

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Voir ci-dessous – Parlons-en à nos enfants. Inondons de courriels.

Hey Gang,

Je viens de vous envoyer mon courriel au Manitoba Clean Environment Commission. email: cec@gov.mb.ca

Le projet de Vivian Sands est très mal géré et il y a des gros inquiétudes sur l'aquifère de Sandilands et Ste Anne.

SVP aider le mouvement en envoyant une copie de mon courriel au CEC pour freiner le projet minier.

Merci de votre aide. Chacun d'entre nous peut aider à faire une différence.

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À: [REDACTED]
**Objet: We Need Your Help to Protect Manitoba's Environment
and Drinking Water - Deadline is March 23, 2023**

Hi Everyone,

I am reaching out to as many people as possible to send an email to the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission (CEC) **by March 23** to oppose the proposed Silica Sand Extraction Project in Vivian, Manitoba. You can write a short email. it's an easy process! Please forward this email to anyone who may be interested.

Background

The Vivian sands project is a proposed silica sand mine and processing plant to be built in the RM of Springfield. The overall project includes mining claims of over 85,000 hectares making it the largest claim ever given to a single company in Manitoba's history. It is larger than the City of Winnipeg (46,410 hectares).

*Much of the sand could be used in fracking. A major concern is that it could contaminate the Sandilands Aquifer which covers much of Southeastern Manitoba. It has excellent water quality and is the water source for tens of thousands of Manitobans, including an abundance of wildlife and eco systems. The mine could cause leaching of acid and heavy metals and pollute the aquifer. As admitted by Sio Silica themselves (an Alberta company), the procedures and technology in this project are untried and undocumented elsewhere. The first four years are expected to be experimental learning. Some test wells have been drilled in excess of 300 ft, more than the company was allowed. The company is already not living up to its promise to fill test boreholes. After much public outcry, the company now claims it will supply solar panels and batteries! **Opponents call this GREENWASHING!** Sio Silica has asked for a license for 24 years, but has made written presentations saying the company will be in Manitoba for 100-200 years. November 15, 2021, former Minister of Conservation and Climate, Sarah Guillemard, convened the MB Clean Environment Commission(CEC) to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Sio Silica Corporation(SS)*

Extraction project. Feisal Somji, President and CEO of Sio Silica is being investigated by the Alberta Securities Commission for another mining company. Look it up.

Here are some email suggestions:

- Mining has no place in a drinking aquifer!
- Why are we putting mining extraction ahead of the health of Manitoba citizens and it's drinking water? I oppose the Sio Silica mining operation in Vivian, MB and ask the CEC to deny the license.
- Why should we risk our drinking water on untried and undocumented mining procedures?
- The main purpose of frac sand mining is to facilitate further expansion of the fossil fuel industry in Canada. Hundreds of scientists around the world are urging that the fossil fuel industry must be scaled down (and not further propped up) if our planet is to avoid a warming of 1.5 degrees over pre-industrial levels. Manitobans, like people everywhere, are anxious about our futures and are demanding that real climate action be taken to protect our collective future.
- To maintain a livable planet, we urgently and rapidly need to transition away from fossil fuel use. Solar panels and batteries may be part of that transition, but if we destroy our water and land to produce them, what have we gained? I am strongly opposed to this project.
- Who will pay when a mining accident occurs and drinking water is contaminated? Manitoba citizens?
- We need to protect our environment! Clean drinking water needs to be protected. I oppose the Sio Silica mining operation in Vivian, MB and ask the CEC to deny the license.

The following groups/people strongly oppose Sio Silica's proposal:

- Municipal Silica Sand Advisory Committee (8 Rural Municipalities in Manitoba: Tache, Ste. Anne, La Broquerie, Hanover, Brokenhead, Reynolds, St. Clements and the City of Steinbach)
- Manitoba Eco-Network
- Sunrise School Division

- Our Line In the Sand
<https://ourlineinthesandmanitoba.ca/2021/09/18/blog-posts/>
- Dr. Eva Pip – Post-doctoral Fellow of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, retired career Research Scientist and Full (U of Winnipeg) and Adjunct (U of Manitoba) Professor and international publisher with more than 125 publications in the fields of biology, toxicology and water quality/public health, and is also in the discipline of geology. Dr. Pip first raised the alarm on the state of Shoal Lake and Lake Winnipeg.
- And many, many others

Jon Gerrard, MLA for River Heights, gives some background on project:

<https://youtu.be/L0A1m8UOM8k>

Here is how to send your email:

- Send to cec@gov.mb.ca
- Please note your email will be posted as a Written Submission on the CEC website.
- To see other submissions, go to
 - Manitoba Clean Environment Commission
 - Silica Sand Extraction Process
 - The Hearing
 - Written Submissions

Deadline to the CEC is Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Please forward this email to any other people who may send an email.

Thank you for your support,

Carolyn Whyte