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Dear Clean Environment Commission:

I writing in opposition of the Sio Silica plant near Vivian in the RM of Springfield. Clean drinking water is one of the most important rights of citizens. The Sio Silica process of extraction is unproven and that said there is danger of permanently damaging the aquifer. Feisal Somji, President and CEO of Sio Silica is being investigated by the Alberta Securities Commission for another mining company so why should we trust him that he has any interest in anything but making money. Having clean water is far more important than extracting resources to make a profit for a corporation. The mine could cause leaching of acid and heavy metals and pollute the aquifer.

If this plant goes through and has a negative environment impact by contaminating the aquifer where are citizens going to get clean water and who is going to pay for the cleanup if indeed that's possible? Sio Silica will claim bankruptcy and the tax payer will again be stuck with the bill and residents won't have clean water to drink.

I'm strongly opposed to this plant and we have to think about our children and future generations of Manitobans

Sincerely,  
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