

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [+WPG725 - Clean Environment Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Sand mining by Sio Silica  
**Date:** March 22, 2023 6:35:55 PM

---

**CAUTION: This email originated from an External Sender. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the source.**

**ATTENTION: ce courriel provient d'un expéditeur externe. Ne cliquez sur aucun lien et n'ouvrez pas de pièce jointe, excepté si vous connaissez l'expéditeur.**

Dear Sirs,

I'm a resident of Steinbach, and in common with most residents of southeastern Manitoba, have taken safe clean water for granted all my life. Clean, safe water has always been there, and we have assumed it will always be there.

I am not an engineer, so I am not in a position to evaluate the conflicting engineering claims made by various engineers who have studied the proposed silica mining. But I have read enough to be convinced that the proposed mining operation poses significant risk to our groundwater.

It seems to me that the risks involved in the proposed extraction of sand are significant, and once any damage becomes evident, it is too late. Things cannot be remediated. As a resident of Steinbach, I am not likely to be directly affected by the mining operation other than its possible effect on our water supply. I am afraid of damage to our water aquifer. For this reason I urge you to turn down the request by Sio Sand. The risk is too high.

The mining operation will also have a major effect on people living closer to the proposed mining site. This will not be of benefit to those people. With the exception of a few people hired by the mine, most people will see their quality of life deteriorate as the mining community develops. This mine will not benefit the people of Vivian. I urge you to refuse the application by Sio Sand.

Sincerely,  
Eric Rempel, Steinbach