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To the members of the CEC of Manitoba, my family has been residing in Springfield for well over 30 years. We have enjoyed having an uninterrupted supply of pure/clean drinking water from our Well, as do the other residence throughout Springfield and neighbouring municipalities. Taking a chance with our water supply is simply illogical, we must protect our water as we cannot survive without it.

Why should we take the word and findings supplied by Sio Silica (Out of Province Corporation) that their operation will "not" have an impact on the stability of the Sandilands Aquifer when the process to be used sounds to be untried and undocumented mining procedure. There is a great deal of historical events and data to show the results of engineering / manufacturing / industrial / mining / construction catastrophes that have occurred that were promoted as the "Safe / State of the Art / Efficient / Indestructible / Environmentally Friendly".

However, failures still occurred regardless of what the "Sales Pitch" was at that time. If this operation is allowed and a catastrophe occurs (either due to existing residential well water supply contamination or water level depletion causing wells to run dry), what will happen then? Who will be accountable? Who will have the solution and what will it cost? Who will pay?.....and Where will we get our water from then?

Everyone has to do their part to help with our current environmental challenges. Having elected government representatives in key positions should be focused on doing ALL that can be done in efforts to help slow or reverse the impacts humankind has on the Planet. But instead to hear of a decision being made to allow mining operations to occur that could potentially contaminate and or disrupt our available source of pure/clean drinking water is unacceptable that anyone in a governing position would allow this to occur!

Elected government representatives should be making decisions to prevent further environmental destruction to the planet. Going ahead with this project is a complete failure to the people being represented, the Community of Vivian, the 8 Rural Municipalities Springfield, Tache, Ste. Anne, La Broquerie, Hanover, Brokenhead, Reynolds, St. Clements, the Province of Manitoba, Canada, and to humanity as a whole.

**Our family opposes the Sio Silica Mining operation in Vivian, MB.
Members of the CEC need to deny the license for this operation.**

- Concerned Residents of Springfield,
Kelly Whyte, Lisa Whyte, Hayley Whyte, Megan Whyte

"A United Nations report has warned of a looming global water crisis and an "imminent risk" of shortages due to overconsumption and climate change.

The world is "blindly travelling a dangerous path" of "vampiric overconsumption and overdevelopment", the report says." -By Marita Moloney (BBC News)

