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I write to you as a citizen of Springfield Municipality. I personally do not have any science related education, training or experience to debate the specific processes in question. What I do know is that our drinking water hinges on the health and welfare of an aquifer. I see no plausible wild reason why we would ever want to tamper with that, or offer our home to the likes of silica mining. Just a couple of the critical hits that we would face are obviously:

- What would/could we ever do to return to the quality of water we now know?
- What will it cost us to recover when our SIO Silica friends walk away from their mess?
- What will the potential impact be on the health and future of our children? Our Communities? Our Environment? Our Farms?
- What will be the impact on our real estate values?
- What will a realtor say to prospective buyers when asked about the quality of water?
"Well....it used to be fine".
- As for the Plant, no comment is necessary!!!

I'll stop here for now. But I will also say that given the continual and extensive media coverage SIO Silica is presenting, they are definitely trying to defend themselves and appear to be our best friend. Their PR person does a laudable performance in writing all their words of defence and painting a perfect picture of their glorified intentions. I'm quite sure any one of us could write the scripts for them.

To the CEC; I know that you can see and feel the angst of the citizens versus the glee of the SIO Silica Sands company in anticipation of their windfall revenue (at our expense). I also know that you must be worried about all the other citizens of Manitoba who may hear of our plight and wonder where our province is headed environmentally if SIO Silica Sands is approved to do their business in Manitoba.

Respectively submitted,
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