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Dear Members of the Board of the CEC

My husband and I are residents of Springfield for over 40 years. We have the privilege of having clean drinking water from our well. We do not filter it, we drink the water straight from the well. Water for washing runs through a softener however we made a point of having a separate faucet in our kitchen and for gardening water that is direct from the well.

We strongly object to Sio Silica drilling wells into the Aquifer for retrieving the silica sand. We understand that things change and needs for products change however to risk the safety of water is not an option.

Once it is contaminated there us no turning back. Our biggest concern is that the process is untested and there are no margins for error when dealing with water.

Also, the question that never gets answered is the What If. What if it is contaminated? Who will give us water then, will the company supply us with water...no they will leave and claim bankruptcy, the municipality....probably not as they would not have the funds, the provincial government....well we know how long that can take, assuming they accept responsibility.

We have worked hard to pay off our mortgage for our 8 acres, with a modest bi-level of 1100 sq. ft. It is our pride and our future security should we need to sell due illness. It is our equity for the future also we planned on leaving it to a grandchild should we be able to live here to the end, God willing. If our well becomes contaminated our property value will plummet. Our life time of saving and working hard will be lost.

Water is life! Is risking the safety of the huge Aquifer worth it?

We say absolutely not. STOP the Sio Silica project. You have the information and heard the people's feelings please do what is right for the environment and the people.

With respect,

Christina and Herbert Steinhilber

(Willis too....he is our dog) he drinks water also