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Dear Secretary,

I am writing to voice my opposition to silica sand mining in Manitoba and ask you to recommend that the government not grant a licence to Sio Silica.

The project will be disruptive to nature, wildlife, and people that live very nearby, with operations, including noise, light, and traffic going on 24 hours a day. It will add greatly to our greenhouse gas emissions.

The major concern is that the project will put the groundwater that so many Manitobans rely on at risk. There may be nuisance gases that are injected and escape. And I am concerned that the protective limestone layer will be destroyed.

Sources say that the sand that will be mined will not be appropriate grade for making solar panels, but that it will probably be used for fracking, a use that is not compatible with reaching our climate goals. Even the company's own technical report says that fracking is a use for the sand.

There are still a lot of questions to be answered and the danger to our environment is not worth the few jobs that this will provide, so please say no to Sio Silica's request.

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