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Dear Clean Environment Commission,

We are just back from a road trip to Beausejour, where we hoped to attend the hearing about the proposed Sio Silica Sand Extraction project. When we arrived, we were told the hearing finished yesterday! (We were told the wrong date).

So instead of testifying, I am writing to express my strong objection to this silica sand extraction project. Leave the aquifer alone, please!

We farm in the RMs of Brokenhead and St. Clements. We, and our cattle, get all our water from a drilled well here on the farm. Our vegetable garden and fruit orchard is also watered from a well. Our grain crops use rain, snowmelt, and our high water table. Every aspect of this mixed farm relies on large quantities of safe, accessible water.

We are concerned about the potential for aquifer contamination, layer mixing, land settlement, and drainage issues. We are concerned that the damages from the silica project will not be remediable. Also, any monetary compensation will never, ever compensate for the loss of productive farmland. When its gone, its gone forever!

Remember, even though we just two people farming about one square mile of land, we produce hundreds of tonnes of food per year for sale to others. We are doing our bit to feed the world in a sustainable way, and any loss of productivity will affect all those we feed. I feel I am speaking on behalf of the hundreds of families who eat the food we produce.

Once again, I object to the Sio Silica Sand project, and urge you to turn down Sio Silica's application, for the reason of potential and irremedial environmental damage.

Sincerely,
Judith Campbell Wasylik

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