

Sio Silica Corporation Sand Extraction Project

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Environmental Assessment Process

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Legislation

- Environmental assessment and licensing activities are regulated by The Environment Act.
- Classes of Development Regulation:
 - Mining is a Class 2 Development, Section 11 of The Environment Act

Environmental Assessment Process

- An Environment Act Proposal was filed on July 23, 2021.
- Posted on the public registry.
- Advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on August 7, 2021 and in the Lac du Bonnet Clipper on August 12, 2021.

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- The proposal was provided to members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review.
- The deadline for the submission of public and TAC comments was October 7, 2021.

Environmental Assessment Process

- Public and TAC comments were provided to Sio Silica and placed on the public registry on November 15, 2021.
- Requests were received from the public for a Clean Environment Commission hearing for the project.

Environmental Assessment Process

- Sio Silica responded to the questions and comments received from TAC and the public. The responses were placed on the public registry.
- The Director of the Environmental Approvals branch recommended to the Minister that a Clean Environment Commission hearing be held.

Clean Environment Commission

- The minister issued a Terms of Reference for the hearing to the CEC.
- On February 3, 2022, the Director notified the CEC that the hearing process could commence in accordance with the terms of reference and the Process Guidelines Respecting Public Hearings.

Material Available for the Hearing

- The Environment Act proposal, additional information, and Hydrogeological Assessment Report can be reviewed on the public registry:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6119/index.html>