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## To members of the CEC,

I am a resident of the RM of Springfield and get my drinking water from a well in the proposed silica sand extraction area. I have significant concerns regarding this untested, unproven method of removing the silica sand from the aquifer. As it has never been done, no one can fully predict the impact it will have on the future water quality. Removing massive volumes of naturally occurring sand, through hundreds of wells, has a tremendous chance for contamination of this aquifer. Once contaminated, there will be no chance to fix it and myself, along with thousands of other residents, will be forced to find another supply of safe drinking water.

I ask you to protect my safe supply of drinking water and that of thousands of other Manitobans that rely on this aquifer, and not allow this project to proceed. Even the smallest of risks is too big a risk when talking about safe water supply.

Thanks

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