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Subject: Sio Silica Sand Mining Project

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To the CEC:

I am a resident of Taché, and I was greatly disturbed to find that my property near Ste-Geneviève, where my wife and I live with our family, is part of the land where Sio Silica has purchased mineral rights for their proposed project near Vivian to mine silica sand.

I am concerned by several issues with this project.

1: According to transcripts and accounts of the proceedings, it seems that there has not been due diligence in assessing the impact of the project.

2: As our water for drinking in our family home and for our livestock is taken from wells on the property, I do not find it fair or equitable that a company should be able to affect the quality of our water for their profit, with no direct benefit or compensation to us. But moreover, I am concerned that it will have a drastic effect on the entire area, both for families and the broader environment.

3: All expert witnesses and participants at the hearings expressed the opinion that the project should not receive and Environment Act license.

With the abundance of evidence showing that the project is not prudent, I am forced to consider that if the project continues, that there is corruption afoot.

It seems that as things sit now, there is no reason the project should be allowed to go forward.

On a project of this scale, there is no need to do it immediately. If it is possible to mitigate the effects or do things in a way that is better understood, with better accountability and transparency, then perhaps that would be acceptable. What I don't like is this push to do it "right now" instead of doing it "Right." Please consider your duty to stop this project as proposed.

Sincerely,  
Phil Mendelsohn  
Ste-Geneviève, MB

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"Behind the times but ahead of the game."

--Becky Mendelsohn