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FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK THE MANITOBA CLEAN ENVIROMENT COMMISSION FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT AND SPECK ABOUT THE SIO SILICA'S VIVIAN SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT PROPOSAL.

MY NAME IS RICHARD SYMBOL. I LIVE FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES SOUTH FROM HIGHWAY 15 ON PR302. I AM 75 YEARS OLD AND HAVE LIVED ON OUR PROPERTY ALL MY LIFE.

IN 1962 MY FATHER HAD A WELL DRILLED BY MR. MONDOR OF LORETTE. OUR WELL IS 198 FEET DEEP. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD WELL. GOOD CLEAN DRINKING WATER. AT ONE TIME WE RAISED OVER 12 HUNDRED HOGS IN OUR BARN. WE WERE TOLD THE WELL WENT BELOW BED ROCK AND HAS ALWAYS HAD A GOOD FLOW. ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO WE DID SOME PLUMBING CHANGES IN OUR HOUSE. IT WAS RECOMMENDED AT THE TIME TO PUT IN A REVERSE OSMOSIS SYSTEM. THAT WAS DONE AND I HAVE CHANGED THE 4 FILTERS ONCE IN THAT TIME. I BROKE THEM OPEN AND THERE WAS NEXT TO NO SEDEMENT IN THEM.

SIO SANDS CORPORATION HAS PROPOSED THE SEQENTIAL INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND DECOMMISSIONING SILICA SAND EXTRACTION WELLS TO REMOVE WATER AND SILICA SAND FROM GROUNDWATER AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON PRIVATE LAND WITHIN THE R.M. OF SPRINGFIELD.

THE WATER FROM THE SILICA SAND SLURRY BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE FROM THE WELLS WOULD BE SEPERATED FROM THE SAND ON SITE UNDERGO UV TREATMENT AND RETURNED DOWN THE WELLS. THE SEPERATED SILICA SAND WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO A LICENSED SAND PROCESSING FACILITY USING A SLURRY TRANSPORT LINE OPERATING IN A LOOP SYSTEM.

MY QUESTION IS; HOW WILL THEY GET THE FINISHED PRODUCT TO THEIR PERSPECTIVE BUYERS ? BY TRUCK OR BY RAIL? WHO ARE THESE BUYERS AND WHAT WILL IT BE USED FOR ?

WE ARE TOLD THEY WILL SPENT OVER \$55 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND CREAT OVER 800 NEW JOBS. THEY SAY THEY WILL DO A LOT OF WONDERFUL THINGS FOR THE R.M. OF SPRINGFIELD, AND THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. AT THIS TIME IT IS JUST A LOT OF TALK.

ACCORDING TO THEM IT IS A VERY SIMPLE, SAFE AND FOOL PROOF SYSTEM. THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS AND SO FEW ANSWERS. WHAT IS GOING TO REPLACE ALL THAT EMPTY SPACE DOWN THERE AFTER THEY EXTRACT THE SAND FOR UPWARDS OF 20 YEARS ? WHAT WILL OUR WELL WATER BE LIKE? WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE SHALE AND ABOVE GROUNDS START TO SETTLE, CRACK AND CAUSE MASSIVE SINK HOLES? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ALL

VEGETATION, TREES, PLANTS, ANIMALS AND FARMERS LIVESTOCK, THE WATERS IN THE BROKENHEAD RIVER AND EVENTUALLY THE WATERS IN LAKE WINNIPEG? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR GOOD CLEAN DRINKING WATER AFTER THEY CONTAMINATE IT? THEY HAVE NO ANSWERS AND IF THINGS GET REALLY BAD, THEY WILL LEAVE, GO BANKRUPT, AND LEAVE US ALL WITH THE PROBLEM. OUR PROPERTIES WILL BE WORTH NOTHING.

I HAVE BEEN TO NUMBER OF MEETINGS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND THERE IS ALWAYS DIFFERENT PEOPLE SPEAKING AND ATTENDING FOR THEM. DO THE ONES WHO ARE NO LONGER THERE STARTING TO THINK AND START ASKING QUESTIONS TO THE HIGHER UPS IN THE COMPANY. DO THEY JUST LEAVE OR ARE THEY FIRED?

I HOPE AND PRAY THAT AFTER THESE HEARINGS ARE OVER, THAT THE MANITOBA CLEAN ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION WILL COME TO GOOD AND CLEAR DECISION AND PREVENT THE PROJECT TO GO AHEAD AND PUT AN END TO IT.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TIME.