
From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 27, 2025 8:01 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Mining an aquifer leaves a bad taste

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

There is a lack of transparency evident in this process in terms of both intended and unintended side effects inherent in potential contamination of an aquifer. This project, in light of this does leave a bad taste.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 27, 2025 7:55 PM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I am against this project due to its threat to our safe water supply. We can live without sand, we can live without profits but we can't live without water. Please fulfill your responsibility to protect the public and our water.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 27, 2025 4:11 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sand mining in drinking water sucks

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I am one of many folks in the Manitoba that say No to sand mining our aquifers. Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 27, 2025 2:06 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

Sio Silica has not supplied the CEC with the necessary research and assessments they were asked to provide. That alone should be reason to stop the proposed mining from going ahead.

Projects which can cause serious environmental harm should not be allowed to go forward until the company can give an accurate assessment of the potential harmful consequences.

There is simply too much at stake to allow this project to proceed until we have the answers to these important questions. There is no going back once the damage is done.

It is a resounding NO! To Sio Silica Simba Sand Extraction Project at this time.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 27, 2025 1:39 PM

To: +WPG569 - Public Registry <publicregistry@gov.mb.ca>; +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>; Premier of Manitoba <premier@manitoba.ca>; wab.kinew@yourmanitoba.ca; hc.water-eau.sc@canada.ca

Subject: Protect Manitobans drinking water

Springfield Manitoba is fighting to keep our safe Drinking Water.

Government... It's time to side with your people and do the right thing.

We are a REAL living community of growing families; we are not just statistics on paper to do experiments on. SIO Silica...who is just big money and a bully can't and won't win here. Don't let SIO kill our drinking water. Join the right side and help your people. It'll look a lot better in the future showing how you saved us, rather than being complicit in poisoning us.

Why isn't the Manitoba Water Protection Act protecting us from SIO??

I request a Mb clean environment commission hearing with participant findings.

I am a Springfield resident, and I say NO TO SIO SILICA! For the hundredth and last time, please understand and respect that WE DO NOT WANT SIO SILICA HERE. They CAN'T win because they have the money to bully and bribe!

We the people that live, breathe, drink Springfield say NO! Shouldn't it be case closed, done, move on?! Go away SIO!

We live here for the exact things SIO WILL DESTROY. We live for clean air, clean water, no noise, no lights, we love wildlife.

I request a Mb clean environment commission hearing with participant findings.

We have children that don't deserve poisoned water. No one does. Clean drinking water is a human right.

Reasons why SIO SILICA WILL DESTROY OUR DINKING WATER, ENVIRONMENT, ANIMAL WILDLIFE, CONTAMINATE OUR AIR, and RUIN SPRINGFIELD'S FUTURE:

Water Quality:

This is a paramount concern that a large percentage of R.M. of Springfield residents share. My family and friends who have visited have commented on our crisp, clean, cool well-water and know the difference.

Air Quality:

As residents of a rural municipality, we value our non-city, superior air-quality. Silica sand mining significantly impacts air quality through the release of airborne particulate matter, including respirable crystalline silica (RCS), PM10, and PM2.5. These particles, particularly those less than four microns in size (PM4), can penetrate deep into the lungs and are associated with serious health risks such as silicosis, lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, and other respiratory diseases. The mining, processing, and transportation of sand generate dust that can degrade air quality, with potential health effects especially concerning for workers, nearby communities, and wildlife.

Wildlife:

Silica sand mining generates significant noise pollution that disrupts wildlife behaviour and habitats. The noise, primarily from machinery, blasting, crushing, and conveyor systems creates widespread disturbances that can stress animals and alter their natural activities. This displacement can lead to restricted movement and range contraction.

Birds, mammals, and insects also rely on sound for navigation, communication, mating, and predator avoidance, and excessive noise from mining operations can interfere with these essential functions, leading to stress, disorientation, and reduced reproductive success.

Furthermore, noise pollution contributes to broader ecosystem imbalances, potentially increasing human-wildlife conflicts as animals seek quieter areas, and can negatively impact pollinators like bees and bats, which are sensitive to noise and vital for agriculture.

Population:

We live rurally for peace and lower population. Don't make the repeat mistake of driving inhabitants out of their homes and ways of life.

Noise Pollution:

Trucks, increased traffic, more road damage, increased public safety risks, hydraulic fracking, vibration, blasting, and excavation.

Light Pollution:

When we can enjoy our rural life with our families and enjoy no light pollution, we have the quality of life that we chose by living rurally. We can all see an example of light pollution that industrial corporations cause to our peaceful night sky. We DO NOT live where we do to have our peaceful RURAL lives negatively impacted by environmentally disrupting corporations.

All of these concerns not only impact the current human residents of our RURAL municipality, but also our future family members. Please do not forget how these concerns do not stop at our human residents, but also our domestic pets, farm animals/livestock, and our precious wildlife that so many of us enjoy and bring us the quality of life we love.

WE DO NOT TRUST SIO, AND THATS NOT GOING TO CHANGE.

Sio Silica Simba says it will monitor its wells and operations... Why would we trust a company to self-manage?! Of course it will be corrupt, its common sense.

See below article information:

These excerpts from The Carillon, Nov 16, 2021, article “Former CanWhite employee alleges well contamination, lax site safety” show that Sio Silica Simba must not be allowed to self monitor.

“Wowchuk said both Bullen and Somji were onsite when the oil contamination happened. Wowchuk said he was instructed not to send the sample for analysis because it could have negative ramifications for the company.”

Seriously, how can Sio be trusted with the Water?

“Wowchuk also stated chlorine was added to water being returned to the aquifer. Bullen said the practice is a statutory requirement for well abandonment in Manitoba.”

Chlorine is used in “shocking” a contaminated or newly developed well. It remains undisturbed, in the well casing, for at least 12 hours and then thoroughly flushed because it is toxic. A licensed, qualified professional should undertake this procedure to ensure it does not enter the aquifer.

“We do not do damage. We do not hurt the aquifer. The aquifer can actually sustain the activity that we’re looking at,” he adds.”

Sio Silica sonar scans show the protective Shale Aquitard that “separates the two main aquifers and helps to preserve water quality and separate hydraulic pressures and chemistry” collapses. (Porous Tec 2023) Fractured limestone from the overlying Carbonate Aquifer follows.

“Degradation of the Winnipeg Shale Aquitard and the increase in fracture density in the Red River Carbonate Aquifer are irreversible effects that could lead to potential preferential pathways for vertical migration of groundwater and contaminants.”(Matrix Solutions 2023). How does this “damage” not “hurt the aquifer”. Sio has not provided a full assessment of their project; they will only do so if licensed. This goes against best practices for Impact Assessment.

“Bullen said the extraction method was “at the infancy stage” in 2019, and was refined after Wowchuk’s departure. The method was tested this summer and “absolutely” works, he added.”

Sio Silica Simba has yet to test a full scale well-cluster extraction test. The return mined water disinfection method is a major component of the project and also remains at a conceptual stage, untested, unproven. This must be required prior to licensing. So too, the many Plans for post-approval practices such as monitoring, follow-up and emergency response.

This experiential project must be denied a license.

So how can Sio be trusted to self monitor their operations? When Sio/Simba finds a problem, will they admit it? What actions will they take? Does Manitoba have the staffing levels and expertise to monitor this project and ensure environment and public health? Will the regulator be onsite 24/7/365 per mining operation schedule? Our experience of the poor response of the regulator to filed complaints of exposed stockpiles, silica dust, “brown” water, and open wells instil fear for the safety of the Water.

Please respect the people of our community that live, drink, breathe, hear, see, LOVE our land. We must preserve what little we have. This clean pure water is the future and will be needed in the future.

I'd like to see Somji live beside his mine, drink from the destroyed aquifer he so badly wants to molest in the name of money. He can listen to the noise, feel the vibrations, inhale the air and get the lung cancer, use black-out curtains to block his factory lights and try to get some sleep, he can pick up dead birds and poisoned carcasses. It's easy for him to sit on his throne far away and destroy our lives the same way a war monger kills innocent people. He is no different than all the other monsters that are running our planet to extinction.

Now is the time for the government 'that no one trusts' to change its ways and actually protect the people that voted you in.. to do exactly that....SAVE US. Start building a new trust, a new relationship. Currently the government takes our money, takes our freedom, kills us with poison. It's time for a change. There is a transition on the planet. People are changing their values. Homemade, natural, helpful, healing; this is the energy that will win in the end. Government... Its time to side with your people and do the right thing.

DO THE RIGHT THING, STOP SIO SILICA

Signing off as a mother, well water drinker, gardener, clean air breather, enjoyer of peace, quiet and dark nights, lover of all living beings and forests, a Springfield rural resident,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 27, 2025 8:59 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sio Silica's proposal is all washed up

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I protested against the previous proposal by Sio Silica to extract in this area and am quite shocked to see that there is another proposal that is not substantively different than the previous one. A drinking water table is just too important to experiment with when there are so many unknowns about this project - what is the long term assessment of the impact on the environment, what is the emergency plan in case something goes wrong, and many other unanswered questions that environmental groups have clearly outlined and put forward.

Why would it be safe now when not very long ago it was considered too big a risk to the drinking water source for a large area of Manitoba?

Please remember that projects that can cause considerable environmental harm should not go forward.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 27, 2025 8:49 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sand mines don't mix with drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

Manitoba's drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with. Mining this sand will cause irreversible cross contamination of water between two different aquifers. The Clean Environment Commission (CEC) asked for more information regarding the physical structure of the underground sand area, but the company has not done this work yet.

CEC asked for 10 separate and detailed plans regarding things like erosion, water and revegetation be finalized and available for comment, but Sio Silica has not completed them.

CEC asked for a worst-case scenario plan and the company has not provided it. CEC asked for a cumulative impacts assessment of the 24-year life of the project, but the company said no. If the company says no to the CEC then we will say no to the company.

The lack of cumulative assessment for projects in Manitoba is an indication that we should modernize our Environment Act and approvals process. For nearly four decades the precautionary principle has been recognized around the world as the standard for environmental care. Projects which can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 7:17 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: WE SAY NO to Sio Silica

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This project directly impacts the clean safe drinking water that my family uses. A family with young growing children. A family with a provider who works hard to provide on top of managing a full time chronic illness.

Clean safe water is a HUMAN RIGHT. One that in many places in Canada we have already, disgustingly, failed to provide. MONEY IS NOT MORE VALUABLE THAN HUMAN LIVES. PEOPLE WILL NOT FORGET YOUR GREED. It is an absolute disgrace that this has even come up again. We the people DEFINITELY SAID NO.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 7:23 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I am writing to voice my opposition to the silica sand project. It was rejected once by the communities that will be affected and also the Government of Manitoba and yet it is still being proposed. Sio Silica has not given the complete information requested by the Clean Environment Commission, therefore how do you expect this project that will effect aquifers in an environmentally sensitive area to be approved? STOP SIO SILICA FROM TRYING TO PUSH THIS THING THROUGH AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 7:34 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sio Silica's proposal is all washed up

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE:
6275.00

Don't let them ruin our drinking water.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 27, 2025 4:14 AM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Sand mining project

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

A drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with. I am appalled that this proposal is being considered once again when the company has not followed through on many recommendations from the Clean Environment Commission. They don't want to do the work to ensure that people in southeastern Manitoba will have long-term access to clean drinking water, then they can take their business elsewhere.

We are dealing with a similar issue in southwestern Manitoba with a proposal for a disgusting carbon capture facility by a Quebec-based company called Deep Sky. We will not stand for mediocrity when it comes to the future of our families, friends and neighbours - water is life, water is precious and here we are, ready to hand over these large aquifers to private companies that will reap from the land and likely leave destruction in their wake. We cannot continue this cycle of expecting things to change for the better when we keep making the most ridiculous decisions with our precious resources and by having backdoor consultations and agreements with people in government.

For nearly four decades the precautionary principle has been recognized around the world as the standard for environmental care. Projects which can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 27, 2025 12:37 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Mining an aquifer leaves a bad taste

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

I believe the government negligence regarding deforestation , aquifers and peat mining is destroying the ecosystem in south eastern Manitoba. It's not worth it. Follow the clean environment commission recommendations please

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 9:56 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I am frustrated, like many other Manitobians to have to fight once more to protect our drinking water. SIO silica's plan is a serious threat to our drinking water. It is a serious threat to MY drinking water. The risks are far to great to take the chance in damaging the aquafer. Please say no to Sio Silica and protect our precious water!

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 7:15 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sand mines don't mix with drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

The Sio Silica sand extraction project is not worth any amount of money! Please, reject this proposal like you have before. Consider these points:

- A drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with.
- Mining this sand will cause irreversible cross contamination of water between two different aquifers.
- The Clean Environment Commission (CEC) asked for more information regarding the physical structure of the underground sand area, but the company has not done this work yet.
- CEC asked for 10 separate and detailed plans regarding things like erosion, water and revegetation be finalized and available for comment, but Sio Silica has not completed them.
- CEC asked for a worst-case scenario plan and the company has not provided it.
- CEC asked for a cumulative impacts assessment of the 24-year life of the project, but the company said no.
- If the company says no to the CEC then we will say no to the company.
- The lack of cumulative assessment for projects in Manitoba is an indication that we should modernize our Environment Act and approvals process.
- For nearly four decades the precautionary principle has been recognized around the world as the standard for environmental care. Projects which can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 7:00 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Additional Public Comments re: Project: Sio Silica - Simba Sand Extraction Project



[Shifting Sands](#)

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 6:12 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Say no to Sio Silica

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

This mine will damage the aquifer! When test holes were drilled for the previous application, the water from wells nearby the test holes turned black. The animals on farms that drink the well water had no other source of water. Eggs from chickens that drank the water had a black circle around the yolks. This demonstrates the mining process will damage the water supply of the people and livestock that live in the area.

Do not allow this project to proceed. It will enrich a small group who have demonstrated that they have little respect for regulations meant to protect Manitobans.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 2:56 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Mining an aquifer leaves a bad taste

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

We CANNOT afford to have our drinking water tampered with.

- A drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with.
- Mining this sand will cause irreversible cross contamination of water between two different aquifers.
- CEC asked for a worst-case scenario plan and the company has not provided it.
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- For nearly four decades the precautionary principle has been recognized around the world as the standard for environmental care. Projects which can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward.

We rely on you to stand and you have before and TELL SIO SAND NO. Manitoba cannot risk permanent damage to our drinking water! As the NDP did once before, I ask you - Please protect our water!

Thank you!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 26, 2025 1:12 PM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

Our water is too important to experiment with. Projects that may cause environmental harm should not go forward.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 12:56 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00. Please put an end to this insane idea that could destroy the most precious resource, water.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 11:45 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sand mines don't mix with drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 11:25 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sio Silica again!!??

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

JUST SAY NO to these people!!! This was and is a bad, bad idea, and the corruption of some elected officials trying to get it approved before they were booted out of office shows how far the immoral influence goes.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 10:44 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Say "No" to Sio Silica

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the Sio Silica mine proposal, which will significantly and irreversibly impact a Manitoba aquifer. Specifically:

- A drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with.
- Mining this sand will cause irreversible cross contamination of water between two different aquifers.
- The Clean Environment Commission (CEC) asked for more information regarding the physical structure of the underground sand area, but the company has not done this work yet.
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- For nearly four decades the precautionary principle has been recognized around the world as the standard for environmental care. Projects which can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward.

This plan was rejected in 2024, and it is disturbing that it is being considered again. Manitobans value our natural resources and it is my expectation that the Government of Manitoba will maintain its previous position on this matter, rejecting any and all such requests by private enterprises.

Thank you for your time.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 10:39 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Please don't harm our precious water supply!

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I am an instructor at the [REDACTED] where I educate students on the importance of prioritizing social and environmental well-being over maximizing profit. My students and I often have discussions about large corporations who completely disregard the health and well-being of people and the planet in the interest of making money. Please don't let this project be another one of those examples that I share with my students. Instead, please let me share with them that, in this case, our government is protecting our health and environment by not allowing this project to go through.

There are of course, several reasons why this project is at risk of creating a number of negative social and environmental externalities such as:

- A drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with.
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- For nearly four decades the precautionary principle has been recognized around the world as the standard for environmental care. Projects which can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We cannot afford to risk harm to our water supply. Water is our most precious and sacred resource - thank you for protecting it!

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 10:36 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Sio Silica's proposal is not meeting environmental assessment requirements

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

We are alarmed that Sio Silica is once again threatening the human right to safe drinking water as recognized by the UN as fundamental to everyone's health, dignity and prosperity. As our own drinking water in Winnipeg is safe to use, we are always grateful for the easy, critical benefits this provides us. All Manitobans deserve this.

Because Sio Silica is failing to provide the requirements of the Clean Environment Commission, their proposal is showing their lack of responsibility to operate safely in Manitoba's environment. Surely, they understand the need to do so after having their 2024 proposal rejected.

Because there is no proof that this mine can remove the sand safely without contamination of the aquifers, this application by Sio Silica must be rejected.
Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 10:12 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

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If there is a risk of serious environmental harm, then this project shouldn't move forward. The omelette cannot be unscrambled as former prime minister Chrétien would say. Damage to drinking water and agricultural land would be catastrophic. More studies needed

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 9:49 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Rejection of Silica Sand extraction proposal again

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

Please do not destroy any more resources on this beautiful planet. This company needs to understand that Manitobans do not want them here. Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 9:21 AM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Re: Sio Silica (File: 6275.00) - public comment

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

The proposed project puts local aquifers, and drinking water at risk, due to irreversible cross-contamination between aquifers.

The CEC has requested that detailed plans be finalized and made available for comment, regarding erosion, water and revegetation. The applicant (Sio Silica) has not yet completed this work, and seems to be unwilling to provide all that the CEC has requested.

Projects that can result in serious environmental harm and harm to local water supplies should not be approved. Environmental standards need to be upheld for the public good.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 2:19 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I am writing in strong opposition to the SIO SILICA SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT.

There are things with which we can gamble but drinking water is not one of them. A company that does not even responsibly provide the required fundamental information for an environmental application should not be trusted with our most precious life-sustaining resource. There is no justification for granting a license to a company that is already out of compliance.

I have seen environmental licenses using words to the effect of "if there are concerns, then..." aimed at rectifying any potential issues developing after the issuance of the license. Those words were never more inappropriate to an environmental license than in a situation such as this one. In this case, if there's a problem it will be an irreparable one.

I respectfully request that this license not be approved.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 5:20 PM

To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Say no to Sio Silica

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

- A drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with.
- Mining this sand will cause irreversible cross contamination of water between two different aquifers.
- The Clean Environment Commission (CEC) asked for more information regarding the physical structure of the underground sand area, but the company has not done this work yet.
- CEC asked for 10 separate and detailed plans regarding things like erosion, water and revegetation be finalized and available for comment, but Sio Silica has not completed them.
- CEC asked for a worst-case scenario plan and the company has not provided it.
- CEC asked for a cumulative impacts assessment of the 24-year life of the project, but the company said no.
- If the company says no to the CEC then we will say no to the company.
- The lack of cumulative assessment for projects in Manitoba is an indication that we should modernize our Environment Act and approvals process.
- For nearly four decades the precautionary principle has been recognized around the world as the standard for environmental care. Projects which can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 5:38 PM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Mining an aquifer leaves a bad taste

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION - SIMBA SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT - FILE: 6275.00

I attended SS's open house on November 23rd and was blown away by the greenwashing and performative sign of the company's ONE call to action for their commitment to the TRC.

My biggest takeaway from that night was of a Vivian resident asking one of the Sio Consultants if he would bet his own house on the safety of the project and the consultant refused to answer the question.

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