
From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 6:07 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 will not stand to allow a company who has no connection to the land of my ancestors come into the territory to extract silica sand and pollute our waters, to make a fortune that does not stay in our economy. Our watershed is already facing so many negative impacts and we clearly do not need to add another disastrous environmental impact. Especially since it doesn't benefit our overall community. As a water carrier, my teachings have been to be an advocate for the waters and we know that what you do to the waters, we do to your own self. The land and waters need to be protected for my son's future and the future generations after him.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 6:26 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

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We are writing to strenuously object to the zombie mine silica sand extraction project. Firstly, the proposal by the Clean Environment Commission in 2024. Nothing has changed since then to make this project an acceptable economic venture for South East Manitoba. The risks simply are too high. To extract tonnes of sand from the aquifer will adversely affect it's ability to filter the water adequately. Water coming from the aquifer is currently some of the best water in the world. A short term mining project with no long term benefits cannot justify compromising such a treasured resource. Water quality must always take precedence over industrial development. The aquifer is the basis of life as we know it in southeastern Manitoba. The proposal to extract the sand as stated earlier was rejected. This project and any future development that compromises the aquifer must be rejected. If it's not good for the water, it's not good for life.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 6:38 PM

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

Subject: Sand mines threaten drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

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

Our poor, poor planet is much too close to her tipping point for us to be enacting policies that will only serve to push her over the edge. We must preserve whatever precious little pristine wilderness remainin and re-wild much of that stolen from the animal nations. We are in the midst of the Six Mass Extinction and losing species at an unprecedented rate. The survivors, the places they call home and the water they rely on must receive full protection and any projects that could potentially put them at risk must not proceed.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 6:41 PM

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

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

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 6:45 PM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Say no to Sio Silica in Manitoba

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

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

I am opposed to letting the corporation mine for sand. They have not filled out the necessary paperwork. They have already been rejected. What has changed now?

I have family residing in the area they want to mine for the sand. There are no guarantees on what this will do to the environment or the drinking water table. Would you want to live there and be the experiment? Why let this pass as a "well maybe it will be ok". No, we need to protect our lands as much as we can! This is not acceptable.

Please consider voting no to their proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 7:03 PM

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 am someone who depends on well water to drink, wash, and grow my food. We have a creek running through our property that is host to numerous plants and wildlife. The water in our area is so important and this project will destroy everything we need to survive.

- 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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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 7:08 PM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Mining an aquifer leaves a bad taste

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

it is important that you do not let SiO Silica mine in our aquifer!

Please be mindfull that the Cean Environment, Commission CEC asked for more information regarding the physical structure of the underground sand area, the company has not done this work yet.

Mining this sand will cause irreversible cross-contamination of water between two different aquifers.

CEC has 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 has asked for a cumulative impacts assessment of the 24 year life of the project, but the company said no.

Any project that can result in serious environmental harm should not go forward!

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

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 7:10 PM

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

Subject: No profiteering in our drinking water

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

I have been very upset by tactics used by this Corporation that is NOT following any laws human and legal we all have to. Please stop them again! This is a public comment on SIO SILICA CORPORATION -

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 7:18 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 grew up in an area where our drinking water came from a crib-well, we relied on the sand it was dug into to provide the filtration.

id hate to see something as effective as a natural sand filtered aquifer yet damaged by an industrial process.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 7:19 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

No thank you to any sand Mining in Manitoba or anywhere else it is not environmentally friendly and people have already destroyed enough of the Earth's environment! Follow CEC advice.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 7:19 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

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 8:06 PM

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 am concerned that a proposal for sand extraction has come forward again. This application ignores the direction of the Clean Environment Commission, and Sio Silica has not provided important information requested by the CEC, such as an emergency plan and an assessment of the long-term effects of the project. Without this information it is simply not safe to go ahead with a project that will have irreversible effects on our aquifers. I urge you to say no to this application.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 8:55 PM

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

Subject: Mining an aquifer leaves a bad taste

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to Sio Silica's continued intent to proceed with the Simba Sand Extraction Project.

The following are some of the reasons why their proposal should be denied:

1. The Clean Environment Commission has asked for more information regarding the physical structure of the underground sand area and Sio Silica has not provided it.
2. The CEC has asked for ten separate and detailed plans regarding things like water, erosion, and vegetation be finalized and available for comment, but Sio Silica has not completed them.
3. CEC asked for a worst case scenario plan which Sio Silica has not provided.
4. CEC has asked for a cumulative impacts assessment of the 24 year life of the project and Sio Silica said no.

When Sio Silica displays such carelessness with details and contempt for regulation, their request should be denied.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 25, 2025 8:57 PM

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

The points below were provided by the Wilderness Committee and are all pertinent to the discussion. Given the circumstances that Sio Silica Corp's request was rejected in 2024 and they bring it forward again having failed to comply with the conditions stipulated by the Clean Environment Commission at their first hearing suggests that the Corporation believes that they will not have to comply now. I disagree with them. Do the work and show how the environment will not suffer as a result of removing tons of sand from Manitoba.

- 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.
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 10:16 PM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Sio Silica's proposal is all washed up

Dear Environmental Approvals Branch Director,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 10:37 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,

The Silva Sand Extraction Project has not provided the worst-case scenario or physical structure information the CEC has requested. The project should not be allowed to proceed without meeting the CEC's standards. Please stop this project from continuing. Drinking water is far more valuable than sand, and no company should be allowed to put it at risk without proper precautions.

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

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 10:42 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

This is a terrible plan to risk our natural resources. Healthcare is already overburdened and understaffed - we don't need anything to worsen it. If something were to go wrong - how could it be fixed? The damage would be irreversible. It is our responsibility to protect our land and resources and this is far too risky.

Say no to Sio Silica!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 25, 2025 10:43 PM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Sand mining in drinking water sucks

Dear Whomever is responsible for this JACKASS IDEA,

Points to consider:

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

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I just don't know WHY this sand is even an issue!!!...it's clearly NO!!...if GOVTs REALLY are SERIOUS about environment and health issues there ought NOT even be a discussion about it never mind permits being distributed...I mean ...I give up....this is a ONCE IN A LIFETIME opportunity for governments to do the APPROPRIATE thing—this water is pristine and CANNOT be replaced!....SMARTEN UP!!

I am SICK to death of this provincial government and it's mandate to balance budgets and support business at ANY COST even at the risk of the environment and the health of humans ; other species. YOU are an embarrassment to humanity.

The shale overlies the sandstone aquifer of the Winnipeg Formation far below the ground surface. Shale is well known to contain pyrite that, when exposed to air and water, causes acid drainage that mobilizes heavy metals such as arsenic in the shale.

The licence given to Canadian Premium Sand for surface mining of the sand from the same Winnipeg Formation sand as at Vivian required extracted shale to be buried in clay-lined pits covered with limestone to prevent acid drainage. The province spends millions per year to remediate old tailings in northern Manitoba that contain pyrite.

This shale interspersed in the extracted sand from the solution mining process of CanWhite will eventually be in reject piles exposed on the surface, leaching acid. Another source of pyrite is

oolite nodules (a form of limestone) that contain 75 per cent pyrite according to a certified NI 43-101 technical report for the Wanipigow Sand Project. These nodules have been collected in the extracted sand piles near Vivian.

Certified lab reports have identified marcasite as a third source of pyrite in the sand itself. Pyrite from these three sources will dissolve in the excess water from the solution mining and that will likely be discharged on the surface.

Mobilized heavy metals in the discharged water can leach into the carbonate aquifer and eventually migrate to the Brokenhead River in runoff. The evidence for the pyrite in the shale, sand and oolite extracted by the solution mining method should be enough to halt this project.

Yours truly,



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 26, 2025 12:22 AM

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

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- If the company says no to the CEC then we will say no to the company.
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 20, 2025 4:17 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

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Silo Silica's refusal to share information with Manitoba's highest environmental body indicates that they have no plans or thought into how to protect water and the environment. This is extremely concerning and a huge risk.

If the company says no to the CEC then we will say no to the company.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 22, 2025 12:15 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

A drinking water table is simply too important to experiment with.

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. They have asked for more information regarding the physical structure of the underground sand area, but the company has not bothered to do that either.

They apparently cannot be bothered to do any work on assessing the impact of their activity, so if the company says no to the CEC then they should say no to the company.

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November 23, 2025

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The Public Registry
Winnipeg, Manitoba

SIMBA Operation - Vivian, Manitoba Silica Sand Extraction Project - File:6275.00

As a resident I am very concerned about the current proposal submitted by the consultant for SIMBA and the behavioral mannerism of Simba in their attempts to obtain the rights for an environmental licence to drill and process silica sands in the Vivian area in the RM of Springfield. What are the effects the mining by drilling will have on the environment and the immediate surrounding area? Will Simba carry out their part of responsibility to repair and be accountable for the liability to any environmental damage(s) and cleanup on private, municipal and crown lands? Will Simba carry out their part of responsibility to decommission and restore an area after the silica sand has been mined out? Their document submissions are in my opinion just painted words to get that approval for the licence to mine. Their enticement of large cash payouts annually to the First Nations is only enticement to get their support to obtain the mining rights. Once the licence is received, I believe Simba may not fully honour their commitment(s) to the First Nations and / or become non-existent. Senior management has a history of unfolding and making sudden name changes. This was done with CAN WHITE and SIO SILICA. Once Simba is in operation their approaches of promises and handouts to the First Nations may be shallow promises when issues occur or Simba unfolds? Simba should set aside annually large amounts of funds that will be required to decommission and clean up an area. Simba realizes and understands the First Nations partnership is a strong doorway to success for the licence. What happens to the partnership when Simba unfolds? The cleanup costs will fall unto the taxpayers..

Is the science for drilling a sure science? It is very important to know if it is carried out elsewhere and what problems have been encountered? Our water is extremely precious and the most important life bearing natural resource on this planet. Simba in my opinion is like "thieves in the night" will disappear and do a name change when problems are encountered.

Contaminated groundwater can never be cleaned up!

In closing I am not in favour of granting Simba the mining rights to drill for silica sand at this time until the science for drilling is a proven method and their mannerism towards the general public has improved. Why is the open house on November 24th at the Regent Casino and not in the community of Anola or Dugald?

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 18, 2025 9:06 PM

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

Subject: Sio Silica

It is important that the Sio revised project be subject to a CEC public hearing w/participant funding. We want to protect our community's water supply and natural environment. We need to oppose any project that poses a risk to our water resources.

Action needs to be taken for current and future residents. Please ensure that this occurs.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and we trust you will do the right thing.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 18, 2025 3:05 PM

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

Subject: Sio Silica Project

Public Registry 6275.00

To whom it may concern.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm a resident in the RM of Springfield and I strongly oppose to the Sio Silica Project.

Hundreds of thousands of people depend on the aquifer in the proposed drilling area.

There should be nothing more important than having access to clean water.

There's too many unknown factors and risks associated with this project. Once the damage is done, it cannot be reversed.

I also urge you to request that Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Minister, the Hon. Mike Moyes, convene the CEC to hold a public hearing with participant funding on the Sio Silica proposed project.

Thank you.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 15, 2025 10:38 PM

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

Subject: Sio Silica/Project Simba

Why is this happening again?!!! The government had put a stop to this. It is very distressing and absurd that our government is once again considering Sio Silica's project to mine silica sand from our aquifers. Please put a stop to this to ensure that our water is protected!!! Everyone's lives depends on water!

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 16, 2025 2:32 PM

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

Subject: Sio Silica

Why is the government allowing Sio Silica to even apply for consideration to mine near Vivian. Either we want to be caretakers of the environment or keepers of the all mighty dollar.

No means No.

please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 15, 2025 11:46 AM
To: +WPG569 - Environmental Approvals Branch Director <EABDirector@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Sio Silica projects

Dear Sirs and Madams

I am concerned our fresh water resources in Manitoba are under threat by industry, either to be contaminated or destroyed by drilling.

Please help Manitobas like myself feel confident that needed industry investments do not come at a cost to an essential resource that will in time defeat the investments' very purpose in providing economic growth and stability.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

"...As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing..." Eph 4:16

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 14, 2025 6:01 PM

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

Subject: Soo Silica with another attempt yo ruin the water for many people of Manitoba

Oct 29, 2025, Sio Silica project SiMba President, Carla Devlin, in an interview with CBC News, stated “I think that they have to recognize that there is a global shortage looming in high purity quartz silica and that we have the largest deposit in the world with the highest purity in the world. Therefore, it’s inevitable that the project, that the resource will come out of the ground.”

NO - Sio Silica has to recognize that #WaterIsLife.

That there is a global shortage of freshWater.

That only 3% of Earth’s Water is freshWater.

That 2.2 billion people don’t have access to safe Water.

That includes many Manitobans.

That clean, healthy Water is our true wealth.

Sio Silica’s goal is profit, by drilling thousands of boreholes through the Quaternary Deposits, the Carbonate Aquifer, the protective Shale Aquitard, into the Sandstone Aquifer, where compressed air is injected to “lift” the sand/water slurry up 200+ feet to surface.

The sand acts as a filter and provides high purity, finite, precious drinking Water.

Sio only filed two sonar scans to the 2023 Clean Environment Commission(CEC) hearing on their extraction proposal. Scans document a complete and permanent collapse of the overlying protective Shale Aquitard.

The Aquitard “separates the two main aquifers[Carbonate and Sandstone] and helps to preserve water quality and separate hydraulic pressures and chemistry.”(CEC, Porous Tech 2023)

Three months later, scans show the collapse of fractured limestone from the Carbonate Aquifer.

Sio Silica mining impacts both drinking Water aquifers.

Deep freshwater aquifers, such as the Sandstone, are vital in meeting demands of a changing climate. They are not as susceptible to extreme weather that create drought conditions or flooding that results in groundwater contamination.

This deep freshwater Aquifer needs protection not exploitation by the mining industry.

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We urge all Manitobans to take this opportunity to comment and question the Sio Silica/Project Simba proposal at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6275/index.html> and send your comments and concerns to: publicregistry@gov.mb.ca and EABDirector@gov.mb.ca include your elected officials. Include a request for a MB Clean Environment Commission hearing w/Participant funding. Deadline is December 1, 2025.

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Subject: Sio Silica project

Oct 29, 2025, Sio Silica project SiMba President, Carla Devlin, in an interview with CBC News, stated “I think that they have to recognize that there is a global shortage looming in high purity quartz silica and that we have the largest deposit in the world with the highest purity in the world. Therefore, it’s inevitable that the project, that the resource will come out of the ground.”

NO - Sio Silica has to recognize that #WaterIsLife.

That there is a global shortage of freshWater.

That only 3% of Earth’s Water is freshWater.

That 2.2 billion people don’t have access to safe Water.

That includes many Manitobans.

That clean, healthy Water is our true wealth.

Sio Silica’s goal is profit, by drilling thousands of boreholes through the Quaternary Deposits, the Carbonate Aquifer, the protective Shale Aquitard, into the Sandstone Aquifer, where compressed air is injected to “lift” the sand/water slurry up 200+ feet to surface.

The sand acts as a filter and provides high purity, finite, precious drinking Water.

Sio only filed two sonar scans to the 2023 Clean Environment Commission(CEC) hearing on their extraction proposal. Scans document a complete and permanent collapse of the overlying protective Shale Aquitard.

The Aquitard “separates the two main aquifers[Carbonate and Sandstone] and helps to preserve water quality and separate hydraulic pressures and chemistry.”(CEC, Porous Tech 2023)

Three months later, scans show the collapse of fractured limestone from the Carbonate Aquifer.

Sio Silica mining impacts both drinking Water aquifers.

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Save our ground water at all costs! No contamination is acceptable!

Concerned citizens of Manitoba will not tolerate greed before health!

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