



Dear Paulette J. Douville,
Environment Officer

I Murray Abas am writing this letter on behalf of my wife Achwak Abas in regards to the environmental assessment, which was done on my wife's property known as Daves Esso Fisher Branch Manitoba Lot 6 Plan 9968 WLTO. of the Local Government District of Fisher.

First of all, I'd like to point out that we are totally in favour of our government policy in regards to cleaning up the environment. It's about time something is done to help solve the problem. It's a problem that's gone on for years and years, with no legislation to control it.

Now, our government wants to put a stop to the problem of contamination which is fine, but at who's expense?

We've owned our property for approximately six years. When we purchased our property we had new piping and tanks installed. There was never any problem with gas leaks in our tanks [REDACTED]

We are definitely not responsible for this contamination due to the fact that we can prove that these tanks do not leak.

There have been previous owners of this property over the years. (Mr. and Mrs. Andriesbyn--approximately eight years, Jerry Kolback--approximately six to seven years, and Mr. and Mrs. Emery--approximately five to six years.) Any one of these

previous owners could be responsible. We feel that since we are the present owners of this property it is convenient to blame us. We will not accept this and are willing to have tests done on our tanks to prove that they do not leak.

We understand that it is a very complex problem but how do you begin to try and prove who is responsible for what? I would like to know if there was legislation prohibiting certain business practices over the years or not? Should the last property owner be made to pay for something he or she is not responsible for?

I'm not pointing fingers or blaming anyone, I'm just writing this letter to state the fact that there have been previous owners to our property.

We are confident that the government will understand our situation and work to resolve it in a fair way. This would ensure us the opportunity to continue to make a living or be able to sell our property without losing what we have worked so hard for.

Sincerely Yours,

Murray Abas

Achwak Abas

