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[Our Line in the Sand is a group of concerned citizens advocating to protect the Watershed in Eastern Manitoba. We collaborate with multiple groups to further public awareness, research independent science, assess risks, hold corporations accountable, petition Governments and ensure that the voices of the water, land and people are heard. Currently, CanWhite Sands Corp proposes to mine silica sand from the only fresh water section of the Winnipeg Formation available in southeast Manitoba! This is the Water source that the ecology and southeastern Manitobans depend upon for life. Join our page. Stay informed. Be a Water Protector. Shale Fragility Video](#)

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It's so much worse than the fox guarding the hen house...

Contained in the public comments for CanWhite Sands proposed Sand Processing Facility Environment Act Proposal, is a documented well complaint.

The well owner, approximately 2 kilometers from CanWhite Sands Center Line Rd experimental mine site, documented well water turning brown during mining operations.

The well owner had lived in Springfield for 13 years and never experienced brown water occurrences.

In a letter to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) September 11, 2020, Feisal Somji, President and CEO of CanWhite Sands described how triple cased wells are used in their mining operations:

"a standard 25 cm well is drilled to formation and cemented in place to preserve the existing aquitard. A second 15 cm extraction tube is placed inside the wellbore to the formation. Inside the 15 cm extraction tube an air introduction tube is placed. The air introduction tube is shorter than the extraction tube so the air stays within the extraction tube. As air is introduced into the extraction tube it [sand and water] immediately rises to surface. As the sand is removed the associated water returns to the formation through the annular space between the 25 cm and 15cm tubing. At no time is the formation subject to overpressure... estimated 5 days [mining] per well."

Well logs obtained for both the Center Line Road and Vivian mine sites show that many wells that would have been used for mining sand have the outer tube, used for excess water injection, opening into the Carbonate aquifer. These outer tubes have a steel casing terminating at the start of the carbonate aquifer with an open hole extending the entire width of the aquifer below.

Transferring and cross contamination of aquifer waters is a violation under the Well Standards Regulation 21/2015, Interconnection of geologic formations of the Manitoba Groundwater and Well Water Act.

Evidence and calculations documented in the Springfield resident's water complaint filed to MB Water Branch, with the assistance of D. M.

LeNeveu, substantiate that brown water/turbidity coming out of the well was affected by CanWhite returning aerated mine water into the Carbonate aquifer. The Water Branch in their letter to D.M LeNeveu said CanWhite admits that wells open to the Carbonate Aquifer are for monitoring purposes only and not to return processed water. So where is the processed mine water returned to in these air lift wells? And the photographic evidence of many separate PVC wells with wires/connectors that could be used for monitoring and why are no monitoring records available?

Wondering about that brown water well? The following is from CanWhite's 2nd virtual meeting, "a full investigation through Friesen Drillers is being commissioned by CanWhite. CanWhite does monitor this very closely and will continue to do so." This "full investigation" that CanWhite is monitoring closely is by the very company they hired to drill their exploratory mining wells. Yes, we had to read that a few times too!

The Water Branch did not undertake an investigation independent from industry. The Water Branch merely asked CanWhite for information. The Water Branch is betraying Manitobans by not following through with their own independent investigation instead of relying on industry for answers.

This is a very serious issue that can only begin to be resolved if our regulators work in the best interest of the environment and people versus CanWhite Sands.

In the words of Justice Horace Krever who conducted the Royal Commission into the Red Cross tainted blood scandal in 1993 - 97:

"The relationship between a regulator and the regulated must never become one in which the regulator loses sight of the principal that it regulates in the public interest and not in the interest of the regulated".

Please help achieve this by calling for an independent public investigation into CanWhite Sands proposed project, where respondents are sworn to truth and liable for cross examination.

Sign and share widely, Thank you.

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