

Letter submitted by 114 interested residents

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Mr. Bruce Webb  
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Dear Mr. Webb:

As a resident of the Rural Municipality of Springfield, I am writing to express my concern that the proposed expansion of the Red River Floodway will have an adverse impact on groundwater.

I am not satisfied that sufficient study has been undertaken to determine the full extent of that impact nor that there is sufficient commitment to measures that would prevent any further impact on ground water. As the EIS states, “the preferred approach for dealing with a ground water effect is to prevent the effect.” We believe that existing concerns will be magnified by the floodway expansions. These concerns include loss of a necessary important part of well being – fresh water. There also appears to be the very real possibility that our water may be contaminated by the intrusion of pharmaceuticals and nutrients into our aquifer.

I support the following statement from a report prepared by Clifton Associates Ltd. for the R.M.’s of Springfield, East St. Paul and St. Clement’s: “Given the sensitive nature of this issue, it would be a benefit to both the community and the Floodway Authority to form a joint project-community environmental monitoring committee that would bring transparency to the monitoring and mitigation process.”

Respectfully submitted,