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RE: Past Six Years Wasted, our Families now placed at Peril because of this

Dear Sirs

As spokesperson for Water Wells First I am writing on behalf of the families who have lost their well water supply during the construction phase of the North Kent Wind project. These families have suffered from the release of never seen before black sediments into their wells; causing many of them to have their homes choked from any water supply at all or to have their drinking water visibly laced with these contaminating sediments. These wells remain polluted to this day.

Water Wells First investigations have identified the sediments to contain Black Shale particles, not solely sand as the Chatham-Kent Medical Officer mistakenly claimed during a 2017 public meeting. Of concern are the substantial number of Black Shale particles in the 0.4 to 1-micron size range that is present in many contaminated wells across both Dover and Chatham townships now.

Water Wells First investigations now confirm the dramatic increase in the levels of Black Shale particles in these Chatham township wells and denote a change-a deterioration in the quality of the aquifer water. Attached is a study that concludes Black Shale should be a concern for Public Health Authorities.

This comes as no surprise to both of you. Both of you have acknowledged the release and subsequent pollution of Dover township wells similarly in 2012 during construction of the East St. Clair Windfarm.

Our families ask and have every right to a Health Hazard Investigation to determine if the sediments in the water they use for drinking, cooking, bathing and laundry is a threat in any slightest way. It is no longer acceptable to leave this as an ill-defined threat as the past six years of inaction have treated this.

Water Wells First members ask; what did your offices do to investigate the disruption to our community's rural water supply over a six-year period? Other than some letter writing and Press statements where was the urgency to push for a full investigation of the loss of children's drinking water and the expediency to find the polluter and hold the polluter accountable? Did any party get pressed by either of you for responsibility for this Environmental tragedy? Was time not important to you?

Now, six-years later, Chatham township families are being forced by the Ministry of Environment and Chatham-Kent Public Health Authorities to go back onto Black fouled water wells. Notice to remove the water tanks and reconnect the severely polluted wells has been issued. We ourselves, the people of this Rural Ontario community, frantically have no choice now but to deal with Premier Wynne on our own to keep the water tanks in place and hold those responsible accountable. Gentlemen, if you haven't noticed, our community's time has run out. These families will be forced to drink from polluted wells.

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