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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: POTABLE WATER

My name is Jim WAVEY, My occupation, Water TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR FOR T.C.N. Class II operator for 26 years. My main concern is POTABLE WATER.

Our daily source of living for drinking, laundry, etc. It is my job that I maintain the water safe to drink. I'm at work 24/7. It's sad to say that our water (lake) is not fit to drink on our lake. Our water has to be boiled before we can consume it. If I try drinking it raw and it would upset my stomach. Coffee / Tea don't taste the same due to the fact that it contains chemicals in our water treatment system. When I was a child back in early 60's, we were able to swim and see bottom. Currently, we can't swim anymore otherwise a rash or some sort would develop on bodies.

Fish, sturgeon, etc. they don't taste the same anymore due to mercury poisoning. Water species deform (fish / sturgeon).

In my occupation as a W.T.P.O. I've come across green algae developing in the sedimentation tanks which never happen before and it could get worse. It gets worse every year. and it causes me a lot of stress. Sometimes I feel like quitting but I can't because there's no other certify operator and I care for the people and this is a reason why I can't quit.

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Most of the community are relying on bottled water it's getting expensive to buy water. I do my darndest to keep the water safe to drink. I feel sorry for the next operator that will be taking over, it will be much harder for him/her to operate the W.T.P.

There is not much technical equipment to analyze the water other than the water quality testing equipment we now have. The plant is in need of upgrading.

I believe MANITOBA HYDRO should share their responsibility for the water they caused unfit (non-potable) to drink and assist in maintenance of the W.T.P., pay for all chemicals, hydro bill and operator's wages.

POTABLE WATER is a Number 1 priority.

I will be 62 at the end of May, I may not be around to see the dam go up and damage done by MAN. HYDRO.

Sometimes I cry for my children, grandchildren and great, great grandchildren, their future will be wasted. By the way I've been offered a job as a W.T.P.O. in both camps at Keeyask Project, one for \$35/HR, one for \$26/HR. I declined the offer due to the fact that Keeyask Project would be destroying our land.

I'm sure there's other ways of finding power source for rather than building a dam. down the river which is only a few miles from T.C.N. We will be the most highly affect area, same goes for York Factory FIRST NATION. for the ~~state~~ ^{the} people I'm asking for ways to look for other source of power other than building the dam.

As for Bi-Pole 3, it's another project that will affect our resource area. T.C.N. is not agreeing to this project. ~~Bi-pole 3 should have~~ Without Bi-Pole 3, the dam is useless. Bi-pole 3 should have been negotiated first. Why is Hydro working backwards. T.C.N. is not agreeing to this project, why is Hydro brush cleaning land in Pikawitoni area when T.C.N. said no, it has to come there us on our land first. ~~to~~ Currently, Hydro is destroying land in Pikawitoni resource area. I'm hoping Pikawitoni is aware of the situation.

Jobs that were promised are not very promising. We now see only a handful ~~employed~~ of T.C.N. employed for 3 months at the most and they get laid off and go on E.I. Their jobs are fluctuating at all times. They the ~~sub~~-contractors hire mostly ~~other~~ outsiders for steady work.

Sorry I couldn't be there.

Yours truly,
 TIM WALEY
 T.C.N.