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I must add my voice to those that have indicated the Counsel for the ERCB is in a definite **"conflict of interest"** with respect to letter # 551 and dealing at any level with the 3-well drilling application! Explaining how an ERCB employee is not in **conflict** may be a better way of stating, what has happened here! The now ERCB were responsible for bringing the 3-well application forward, and turning, what started as a Environmental Review, into a dual question that was not sanctioned by the Federal Minister of Environment!! Since many public members have either been aware, or made aware, of this ambitious ERCB activity, those who want to question the panel on these facts, find replies to their concerns being addressed by an ERCB employee acting as Panel Counsel, in a definite **"conflict of interest"!!!** Notwithstanding the consultant acting, and paid by the ERCB is in a similar position!! Would it not be easier to remove the 3-well application and the dual question than to try at this late date to replace the troubled ERCB and it's employee's from the scene!! As one observant public member has pointed out many times, the ERCB seems to be **"over ambitious"** in their desire to be involved in this particular Federal Exercise!! Even to the fact the hearing is being held in the ERCB building [Govier-Hall] with 16 members of the ERCB in daily attendance!! Why, one must ask, has the ERCB taken-over control of this Federal Environmental Review?? A review of Mr. Kirk Lambrecht's questions to the Proponent, brings to the surface the fact the Canadian Government are aware of the ambitious nature of the ERCB toward Suffield, and the Base Commander!! It is a pure delight to witness those under questioning being reminded to cease from having discussions with their respective counsel!!! The ERCB have not been used to playing fair in their hearings!!!

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