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À : Thompson, Chris; comments@suffieldreview.ca; Dan McFadyen

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Objet : STILL no response from EnCana re Downspacing Application

Ernst Environmental Services

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Jessica Ernst <address information removed>

To:

Mr. Chris Thompson, EnCana

Mr. Dan McFadyen, ERCB Chair

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Re: EnCana Carpet Bombing Application Number: 475-9: Hussar/Redland Lands: Sections 11-16, 21 to 27, 35 & 36 in 27-22-W4M

Attention: Chris Thompson, the **ERCB (I protest this downspacing application because EnCana, year after year, refuses to address my valid and reasonable questions and concerns) and the CEAA (FOR POSTING)**

When is EnCana going to respond to my questions and concerns of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?

EnCana refuses responsibility, stewardship, transparency, and accountability on private land, does not know if it is one corporation or two, lies to the public, and disrespects the law, guides and requirements in place to protect citizen rights, property, and environment, and must therefore be refused further drilling or facility installation in the National Wildlife Area at Suffield.

For your convenience, I resend you here the contact information EnCana has on file for me:

email <removed>

postal address: <removed>

fax <removed>

Please respond promptly, respectfully and completely and without deflection to my questions and concerns. Please acknowledge receipt of my emails.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ernst

Ernst Environmental Services

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Re: Downspacing Questions/Contact Information

Date:Mon, 29 Sep 2008 15:29:56 -0600

From:[ernstj](#) <address removed>

Reply-To:[ernstj](#) <address removed>

To:Thompson, Chris

CC:comments@suffieldreview.ca, Dan McFadyen [patricia.johnston_rklein](#),
Debbie Signer, Fiona Lauridsen, Andrew Nikiforuk, Hanneke Brooymans,
Kevin Sorenson, [Sorenson.K](#), <addresses removed>

Reference:8B1FBFFDB162664981BA488AE2EC659401926070@CGYEX007.encanas.com>

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Jessica Ernst, landowner <address information removed>.

Mr. Chris Thompson

EnCana

**Re: EnCana Carpet Bombing Application Number: 475-9: Hussar/Redland
Lands: Sections 11-16, 21 to 27, 35 & 36 in 27-22-W4M**

Dear Chris,

**Attention CEAA: FOR POSTING, re EnCana's carpet bombing application at
Suffield**

It is nearly the end of September and the time EnCana plans to file its application, but I have not yet received answers from EnCana to my many questions and concerns.

If you are not answering my questions because you can't find them on file at EnCana, you can find enough of them easily to get you started in my submissions to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency regarding EnCana's plan to carpet bomb our National Wildlife Area at Suffield. My past questions to EnCana are included there, as well as many others. They are simple, clear, reasonable and valid. Since the CEAA, ERCB and Joint Review Panel refuse to answer my questions to them, I request that EnCana answer them too because they directly relate to EnCana's intent to carpet bomb my community and the many direct and adverse impacts that already affect me and my property.

Here is the link: http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/ear_paneldoclist_e.cfm?CEAR_ID=15620&categoryID=7.

I would appreciate getting my questions answered and concerns addressed -

appropriately, completely, honestly, without deflection and with ethics.

Mr. Gwyn Morgan was given many "ethics" awards, but I have not yet experienced any ethics from him or EnCana. Mr. Morgan was CEO when EnCana secretly fractured - for one gas well - multiple fresh water aquifers that supply drinking water to my community, including to my water well. If you do not believe me, there is EnCana documentation that clearly shows this to be true. Methane, ethane, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylenes, naphthalene, propane, kerosene and butane and other petroleum industry contaminants were found by Alberta Environment in area water wells. Mr. Marc Dubord of EnCana - in a televised statement to a federal committee in Ottawa - conveniently blamed farmer underground fuel tanks for some of the contamination - *but* there are and were no such tanks in my community.

EnCana diverted fresh water from our aquifers not only without a permit as required under the *Water Act* at the time, but more notoriously, without letting the community know, and without collecting the required baseline data and without completing the required groundwater protection assessment. I invited Mr. Morgan to speak to my community, and tell the children why he led EnCana to violate their drinking water supply. He didn't have the ethics to do so; nor did he have the courage to apologize for what EnCana did and take responsible accountable action. Water wells, including my own, showed dramatic water level loss after EnCana fractured the aquifers that supply them and diverted fresh water from them without authorization. EnCana's Alan Boras was reporting saying to our local paper, that EnCana will "shortly" release the Rosebud EnCana gas well data to the public. Nearly half a year later, this data remains withheld. Mr. Boras was also reported saying that EnCana cannot complete gas wells above 200 m, but EnCana documents prove this to be untrue. EnCana completed numerous gas wells more shallow than this, one as shallow as 121.5 m below the surface. The Research Council even admitted that EnCana fractured as shallow as directly into our drinking water supplies.

When is EnCana going to release the gas well and fingerprinting data to the public so that appropriate peer review can be initiated?

The Alberta Research Council admitted potential mixing of CBM in my well water - this even without the most critical isotopic fingerprinting data from EnCana's shallowest gas wells. The ethane fingerprint from a local EnCana CBM well matches suspiciously close to the ethane fingerprints in community water wells. Is this why the Research Council used methane data from CBM wells over a hundred miles away to compare to the methane fingerprints in our water?

Is it ethical, responsible, and accountable for EnCana to continue to withhold the fingerprinting data from the company's many gas wells in my community, and to keep on carpet bombing more and more and more gas wells near where EnCana violated our aquifers before an objective and complete investigation takes place, and appropriate resolution is reached for all adversely affected citizens?

EnCana sent out a proud brochure entitled "EnCana energy for people; Project update EnCana's downspacing application in the County of Wheatland". It was not dated that I can see. In this brochure, EnCana wrote:

"EnCana believes water is a priceless resource and implements substantial efforts to protect groundwater during both the initial drilling program, and throughout the entire life span of our developments. Gas wells are isolated from freshwater aquifers by the well's construction. Once the surface hole has been drilled with fresh water, steel pipe (also called casing) is placed in the well bore. The space between the surrounding rock and the outside of the pipe is then cemented from bottom to top, which prevents any kind of cross flow of water from one zone to another."

EnCana documents and data prove that EnCana's sentences above are untrue. Most notable is that if EnCana truly protected our "priceless" water, the company would never have fractured into multiple fresh water aquifers in my community in secret, and then lie about it after the fact. EnCana would never have diverted fresh water for CBM without authorization under the *Water Act*, also in secret, preventing citizens from submitting statements of concern, and going to the Environmental Appeals Board if their statements of concern were ignored or problems arose. If EnCana cared about us and our water, the company would have years ago - openly, honestly, with accountability and due diligence - provided **all** the isotopic fingerprinting data on **all** its shallow gas wells to Dr. Karlis Muehlenbachs and the community.

EnCana states above that it drills with fresh water. I have observed endless pallets of toxic chemicals on EnCana drill sites in my community, including many pallets of petroleum distillates. Petroleum distillates were detected by the regulator in a number of area water wells. Why would EnCana suggest to the public that the company only uses fresh water when there are pallets of toxic chemicals on EnCana's drill sites?

Please detail how EnCana prevented cross flow of water from one zone to another by fracturing into multiple fresh water aquifers for one gas well.

Please detail how EnCana repaired the company's multiple fresh water aquifer fractures, and prevented water or gas or contaminant movement during or after these fractures.

EnCana experienced significant fresh water production from a super shallow CBM well in my community. It was reported in an EnCana hydrogeological report that EnCana repeatedly failed to stop the water production. Please send me complete MSDS's for the procedures used to try to stop the fresh water production and send the MSDS's for all of EnCana's past and proposed activities in the lands listed above and the purposes for all the chemicals used by EnCana. If EnCana cared even in the least little bit about us, and the water we rely on, the company would have honestly, openly and with transparency, and integrity provided all the MSDS's years ago.

The Research Council reports on the water contamination contradict the data from EnCana regarding how much fresh water the company diverted from our fresh water aquifers. In my professional opinion, if EnCana cared about our drinking water, EnCana would have publicly corrected the Research Council and Alberta Environment.

EnCana's carpet bombing brochure also states: "The ERCB's Directive 56 requirements must still be met each time a well is planned". But, I have evidence indicating that EnCana has little but disdain for ERCB Directives, and the legal rights of citizens. Many community members, including myself, heard Mr. Mark Taylor state that there was no CBM in our community yet, but EnCana had already invaded our drinking water supply for CBM (I found this out months later) and drilled many CBM wells in my community.

The ERCB conveniently looked the other way when EnCana violated numerous Directives during the company's CBM operations in my community. Contrary to the evidence, and instead of dealing appropriately with the company violating my legal right to quiet enjoyment of my property the ERCB judged me a criminal without a trial, and banished me from energy regulation. The ERCB was found to "repulsively" break the law, lie, and spy on the very citizens the ERCB is mandated to protect from companies like EnCana. The ERCB and Alberta Environment have indicated to me repeatedly that they are unwilling or unable to regulate EnCana.

How will increased carpet bombing protect anything but EnCana profits? Where is the company's due diligence?

If the company were telling the truth, it would not put our legal rights and water at more risk. It would not carpet bomb us, after what it did to our aquifers.

And what of EnCana operating a sour facility in my community as sweet and lying to the community and directly affected landowners about this too? And selling the sour operation as sweet? How far does EnCana help the ERCB twist its neck not to see?

Please send me the documented evidence to support EnCana's *need* to increase carpet bombing my community.

Did EnCana notify the residents of the Hamlet that the company is applying to drill, perf and fracture yet more wells around where the people get their drinking water from?

Protecting drinking water is in the public interest. **CAPP noted in a report over ten years ago that gas migration dramatically increased when drilling density increased.** Our drinking water is already gas contaminated, and likely contaminated with other petroleum industry contaminants that we will never find out about because of the ERCB's and Alberta Environment's failure to complete an objective and comprehensive investigation. Now EnCana willingly wants to put our "priceless" water at even more risk?

My water has become too dangerous to live with, and it severely irritates skin and eyes when bathing in it. The Hamlet's water tower blew up in an explosion after EnCana fractured the aquifers that supplied the tower. A worker was seriously injured. EnCana promised the community 150,000 dollars after the first water wells went bad. The new water tower cost the people about 650,000 dollars. Chlorinating methane makes

chloroform. **Does Mr. Morgan's award winning ethics include gassing children in the shower?**

The map EnCana sent with its application letter to me, is very poor and barely legible. Please send a comprehensive map, with EnCana's existing wells, and infrastructure on the map. How can anyone expect to understand the cumulative impacts without seeing EnCana's existing facilities and wells? Please include special designation for EnCana's wells completed above 200 m, and provide the chemical, perf and frac and water diversion details for each existing well and facility in the lands listed above.

Will EnCana provide fingerprinting data for all its gas wells in my community openly, and honestly, for unbiased peer review as agreed upon by the complainants? Will EnCana postpone all further carpet bombing in my community until this peer review is appropriately completed? If the peer review concludes that Alberta Environment did not complete a comprehensive investigation and there remains data still to be collected from EnCana wells and facilities, will EnCana cooperate and provide it?

You state in your letter to me: "Should you have any concerns and/or objections, **EnCana will respond**". But EnCana didn't. Please detail when EnCana is going to respond.

Has EnCana already filed its application? If yes, please provide a copy of "all responses, comments and concerns received before the application date" and copies of "any responses received after the date of filing" that EnCana sent to the ERCB as outlined in your letter.

As long as EnCana disrespects the Canadian Military and Court Orders against the company (e.g. Court of Queen's Bench decision, dated April 11 2008; Citation: EnCana Corporation v. Campbell, 2008 ABQB 234), and the regulators focus more blame on the victims of EnCana's legislation and Directive violations than on the perpetrator, our legal rights and environment (including our "priceless" drinking water) are not protected.

Until EnCana, the ERCB and Alberta Environment come clean on their mistakes and or wrong doings, EnCana must be told no for the company's application to increase carpet bombing in the National Wildlife Area at Suffield, and in my community.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ernst
Ernst Environmental Services

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Re: Downspacing Questions/Contact Information

Date:Mon, 22 Sep 2008 13:49:41 -0600

From:ernstj

Reply-To:ernstj

To:Thompson, Chris
Reference:8B1FBFFDB162664981BA488AE2EC659401926070@CGYEX007.encanas.com

Hi Chris,

Thank you for your prompt email. This is excellent.

I look forward to working with you. **It would be a welcome change to see EnCana finally, all these many years later, address my questions and concerns.**

I also sent objections in 2005, that the ERCB wrote me EnCana would address. EnCana didnt bother to respond. EnCana treated my 2007 concerns and questions with the same disdain.

Sincerely,

jessica ernst

Thompson, Chris wrote:

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Downspacing Questions/Contact Information

Date:Mon, 22 Sep 2008 13:42:20 -0600

From:Thompson, Chris

To:ernstj

CC:Thompson, Chris

Good afternoon Jessica,

As per your telephone request this afternoon, you may respond to this email with any questions you have regarding EnCana's downspacing application. I will also review the historical information regarding the initial public consultation from last year to see if I can recover the original response you had sent EnCana.

I will look forward to receiving your questions and will endeavor to have a timely response for you.

Regards,

Chris

Chris Thompson, B.A.

Surface Land Coordinator

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