

## **CALLING ALL FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE OF CANADA**

*The Anishinabe Women, Keepers of the Water, need your support!*

**Sunday, May 10, 2009.**

### **Concession 2, Tiny Township, Ontario, Canada**

My name is Vicki Monague and I am apart of 5 Anishinabe Kweag from Christian Island, Ontario who are making a stand for the Water where the purest water in the world is being threatened here by Dump Site 41 ([www.stopdumpsite41.ca](http://www.stopdumpsite41.ca)).

This dump site has been approved by Ontario's McGuinty Government and is currently under production. It is slated to start receiving the waste products of 4 municipalities the County of Simcoe later this year. This 'debated, reviewed and approved' landfill site is being built on top of the World's Purest Water source, the Alliston Aquifer, which runs from Georgian Bay right to the Oak Ridges Moraine and affects all the Great Lakes of Ontario. This Aquifer is part of a larger, deeper hydro geological system. In the territory of the County of Simcoe is three First Nation Communities; Rama, Georgina Island and Beausoleil.

Some major components of the approved site plan has already been proven to be ineffective when it was implemented in Cache Creek, British Columbia in 1989. This site was built in arid climate zone and in a natural depression with a sealed liner which was thought to be secure from leaks. Researchers found traces of leachate almost everywhere they looked outside the dump site as well as underground water. Contaminants in the underground water system were found as close as 2 kilometers away from Ashcroft Indian Reserve, near Cache Creek.

With the Alliston Aquifer running directly below in to every major body of water in Central Ontario, there is very real danger of the World's Purest Water Source becoming contaminated. As Anishinabe Women, it is our duty to stand up for the water to ensure it's preservation for generations to come. As First Nations people, it is our duty to protect the land. Site 41 not only raping Mother Earth, it will also give her the disease called leachate for which the affects could be felt for many, many generations to come.

A group of 30 native and Metis people have been holding vigil at Site 41 in Tiny Township for the past three days in what was to be a weekend Peaceful Protest. However, it seems very clear to us that our work is not done and we are going to continue to hold vigil over Site 41 until the Federal Government stands up for the Rights of First Nations People and overturns the Province of Ontario's decision of approval for Site 41.

We have been receiving the support of well over 40 non-native local community

members all weekend long who have taken part in our Water Ceremonies and our Songs from the Drum. To my knowledge, this is the first time in Canada that the Non-Native People and First Nations have taken a stand in this region, side-by-side, against the levels of Government. We will continue to stand unified with our White Brothers and Sisters against Site 41.

Our voices have also been heard by Native Elders in Utah and California and we are quickly gaining support from other First Nation communities. Our Sacred Fire has been lit and will continue to burn until our demands are met. We are now inviting all First Nations People in Canada to come and take part in our Peaceful Protest of Site 41. Your First Nations Women need your support. We are going to protect our Heritage Land!

**WE WILL NOT LEAVE UNTIL SITE 41 IS STOPPED PERMANENTLY!**

Sincerely,

**VICKI MONAGUE**

Ojibwe of the Wolf Clan

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**Please sign the petitions;**

[www.stopdumpsite41.ca](http://www.stopdumpsite41.ca)

[www.dannybeaton.ca](http://www.dannybeaton.ca)

**Site 41 is Concession 2 East of County Rd 6.**

(Just past Dawson side road.)

**Northern Ontario**

Exit at Hwy 12 to Midland to South Bound Hwy 93.

Hwy 93 to Hwy 27 West bound. Dawsons Side Road to Site 41. Follow the signs.

**Southern Ontario**

Exit HWY 93 North Bound towards Midland and Penetanguishene to Hwy 27.

Follow the Signs.

**Barrie Area**

HWY 27 and follow through Elmvale and follow the signs.