

FRIDAY 4.12.15

TO THE SECRETARIAT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS
DEFENCE & TRADE COMMITTEE, DEPT
OF THE SENATE.
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FROM E. SERHAN

RE THE SENATE INQUIRY; WILLIAMTOWN RAAF BASE
CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION; PFOA, PFOS FIRE
RETARDANT CONTAMINATION OF GROUNDWATER &
SURROUNDING AREAS; WITH A VIEW TO REMEDIATION.

DEAR DEPT OF THE SENATE,

HAS THE SLUDGE AT THE BOTTOM OF
LAKE COCHRAN BEEN TESTED & WHAT ARE
THE RESULTS?.

THE LAKE HAS A HIGH CONCENTRATION
OF CONTAMINATION. HIGH CONCENTRATIONS, USUALLY
ACCUMULATE IN THE SLUDGE AT THE BTM OF SUCH
LAKES.

THE LAKE IS UNLINED.

RAAF

THE LAKE & THE RAAF BASE IS BUILT ON A
SHALLOW SAND AQUIFER.

CONTAMINATED WATER, AT THE BOTTOM OF
LAKE COCHRAN, WILL SEEP INTO THE SAND AQUIFERS
FOREVER, CONTAMINATING GROUNDWATER FOREVER,
UNLESS THE LAKE IS REMEDIATED.

ALSO, LAKE COCHRAN, DRAINS AT THE SURFACE,
VIA DAWSONS DRAIN, TO FULLERTON COVE, WHERE
CONTAMINATION HAS BEEN FOUND. SO THE LAKE IS

P.T.O.

CONTAMINATING AREAS, THROUGH CONTAMINATION, SEEPING INTO THE SAND AQUIFER, CONTAMINATING GROUND WATER & THROUGH SURFACE RUN OFF EG, VIA DAWSON'S DRAIN ETC SURFACE RUN OFF IN TIMES OF HEAVY RAINS IN THE AREA.

AS EXPRESSED, LAKE COCHRAN IS HEAVILY CONTAMINATED & UNLINED:-

SHOULD THE LAKE BE REMEDIATED?

IS THE BEST OPTION, TO TREAT THE WATER FROM THE LAKE, REMOVE THE SLUDGE & CONTAMINATED SAND FROM THE LAKE ^{BED} & LINE THE BOTTOM ~~or~~ FILL IT IN WITH DIRT? OR ARE THERE BETTER WAYS TO REMEDIATE THE LAKE?.

ON OTHER MATTERS:-

- SHOULDN'T THERE BE INDEPENDANT TESTING ON THE BASE?

- IS IT TRUE, THAT THE EPA, ACTUALLY RAN OUT OF FUNDS WHEN TESTING AROUND THE AREA? IS THIS WHAT WE NEED IN SUCH A CASE?.

- WAS THE EPA RESTRICTED IN IT'S TESTING?.

- IF SO, IS THIS THE SIGN OF A COVER-UP?.

- NB IF CONTAMINATED PRODUCE WAS SOLD EG, PRAWNS FROM FULLERTON COVE, WHERE WERE THOSE PRAWNS DISTRIBUTED TO & SOLD AT? THE PUBLIC HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.

- YOU OFTEN HEAR ABOUT THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF CANCER AMONG FIRE FIGHTERS, IS THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPOSED TO PFOA

AND PFOS?..

— SEVERAL PEOPLE LIVING IN THE WILLIAMTOWN RAAF BASE AREA, HAVE DIED FROM BRAIN & BOWEL CANCERS, SHOULDN'T, FOR EXAMPLE, BLOOD TESTS BE DONE FOR PFOA & PFOS ON RESIDENTS, AT LEAST SOME ^{PEOPLE} IN THE CONTAMINATED AREAS?.. AT LEAST THIS WILL REVEAL WHETHER THEY HAVE THE CONTAMINANTS IN THEIR BLOOD &/OR TESTS, OF THEIR FATTY TISSUE IN THEIR BODY, WHERE CONTAMINANTS CAN ACCUMULATE.

THESE TESTS ^{TO BE} DONE, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE LACK OF EQUATING THE LEVELS IN ^{THE} BLOOD, TO THE RISKS OF SICKNESS, ILLNESS & DEATHS.

— WHY AREN'T AT LEAST SOME BLOOD TESTS BEING DONE ???.. IS THIS A SOURCE OF ANOTHER COVER-UP?!. AT LEAST TEST FOR THE CONTAMINANTS IN SOME PEOPLE &/OR ALL PEOPLE WHO WANT BLOOD TESTS. TO BE DONE ~~THE~~ BY AN INDEPENDENT BLOOD TESTING LABORATORY.

* COULD I PLEASE URGE THE SENATE INQUIRY TO GET A COPY OF THE NEWCASTLE HERALD DATED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015, STARTING ON THE FRONT PAGE & ON PAGE 4. CONCERNING THE RAAF BASE CONTAMINATION & AFFECTS ON THE AREA & RESIDENTS PLEASE. APPARENTLY THERE ARE OTHER AREAS AROUND THE COUNTRY WHERE THESE TOXIC PERSISTENT FOAMS WERE USED. THE BEST OF WISHES TO YOU & IN YOUR INQUIRY,