



Native Women's Association of Canada

Media Advisory – For Immediate Release

Aboriginal Women Set to Protest Dump Site 41

Ottawa, ON (June 29, 2009) – The Province of Ontario has approved the development of the County of Simcoe Landfill Site #41 (Site 41), slated to be in full operation later this year. Aboriginal women will protest this decision as it is not in line with legislation noted in Ontario's *Clean Water Act* (2007) as Site 41's location contains natural and unspoiled artesian water sources. The Native Women's Association of Canada is supporting those who have taken a public stand to save this pristine site and President Beverley Jacobs will visit the site and participate in tomorrow's protest.

Site 41 lies atop the Alliston Aquifer in Tiny Township, northwest of Barrie, Ontario. Scientists have declared this particular aquifer as being so pristine that it compares to ancient arctic ice. This aquifer provides safe water supplies for local residents and several communities in the area. Site 41 lies on top of a flood plain and in close proximity to the Tiny Marsh Wetland. This same area is in close proximity to three First Nations reserves; Rama, Georgina Island and Beausoleil, and it is also the traditional harvesting area of the Métis Nation. Aboriginal peoples have not been consulted about the development of this garbage dump site.

Five Aboriginal women have publicly taken a stand to protect the water and will not leave Site 41 until its impending demise is permanently stopped. Media are asked to cover this important protest and bring attention to this issue.

When: Tuesday, June 30th, 2009, 9am – Noon
Where: Concession 2, Tiny Township, Ontario (Simcoe County)
Who: Beverley Jacobs – President, Native Women's Association of Canada

The Native Women's Association of Canada is an aggregate of 10 native women's organizations and is the national voice of Aboriginal women in Canada.

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