



To the Government of Ontario,

Fifty years ago, an Ontario mill dumped more than 9 metric tons of mercury into the English and Wabigoon river system, leading to the closure of the commercial fishery and the poisoning of First Nations communities living on these waters. The people of the Grassy Narrows First Nation are still living with the consequences.

It's vital that Ontario respect the rights of Indigenous peoples under Canadian law and international human rights standards. I stand with the people of Grassy Narrows in calling for clean-up of the river system, ongoing community-run monitoring of their waters, and respect for their right to say 'no' to development that further threatens their remaining ability to live on the land.

Sincerely,

Please submit petition by March 2017 to:

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It has been called one of the worst environmental disasters in Canadian history. Between 1962 and 1970, a mill in Dryden, Ontario dumped more than 9 metric tons of untreated inorganic mercury into the English and Wabigoon Rivers in Northwestern Ontario.

These waters had been a source of both food and jobs for the people of Asubpeeschoseewagong (Grassy Narrows). Elevated levels of mercury continue to be found in the rivers and fish and community members, including youth, continue to suffer from disproportionate rates of serious health problems associated with mercury poisoning.

After the closure of the commercial fishery, the province began promoting expansion of large-scale industrial logging in the region. In January 2007, the people of Grassy Narrows called for a moratorium on industrial logging and other resource development in their traditional territory. In the face of a successful community blockade of logging, the province has entered into talks about the long term management of the forest. However, the province has never ruled out renewed logging, with or without the community's consent.

- **Deadline:** If the deadline to submit petitions has passed and you want to know if the petition deadline has been extended or if there is a new version of the petition available, please contact cbenjamin@amnesty.ca.
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Grassy Narrows First Nation

