

Hello, I'm from the Canadian government with an important update on one of our most cherished traditions: turning pristine waterways into rancid wasteways.

For years, our friends in Alberta have been dealing with a serious PR problem—industrial tailings produced by oil sands mining that from outer space look like planetary shit stains.

These ponds currently hold 1.4 trillion cubic metres of chemical sludge, a quantity experts refer to as a “fuckton.”

But not for long. We are introducing an innovative policy shift—allowing oil companies to discharge their tailings directly into the Athabasca river.

This will release:
Sodium chloride
Cancer-causing acids
and toxic government bullshit.

Sure, local Indigenous communities that depend on these waters haven't given their consent.

And sure, scientists say there are other options that would be much safer.

But we can't expect oil companies to spend a tiny portion of their enormous profits cleaning up the mess they created—that would go against everything our government has ever stood for.

In our defense, reports produced by Alberta have only been warning us tailings ponds should be immediately dealt with since....***checks notes*** 1971.

Did we or the industry listen? Do environmental studies produce oil?! Of course not!

You might be asking, what will the effect be of so much waste released into Alberta's largest river? Think of it as (sound effects chime with title) MYSTERY WATER. Is it magical? Is it poisonous? Who knows?! (*It's poisonous.)

But instead of listening to scientists, we found a much more credible voice, this corporate dingus who claims it will be just like putting your tap water through a Brita filter.¹ Mmm, refreshing!

¹ He really said that. <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1980497475564>