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Governor Nyesom Wike
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Nigerian community drinking polluted water

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we urge you to investigate the lack of a clean water supply in **Ogale** due to benzene contamination – a known carcinogen found in the local wells.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International that the fundamental right of access to clean drinking water is being violated due to oil extraction and transportation impacts near the community of **Ogale**.

We strongly believe that a thorough, transparent, and effective reparation of Eleme Regional Water Supply Project needs to occur as an ongoing safe water supply is provided to affected communities. We call on you to carry out a health assessment of the **Ogale** community, and others who have been forced to drink polluted water. We ask you to require Shell to disclose the steps it is taking to ensure that communities, which continue to be affected by oil contamination from its pipelines, have access to safe water for personal and domestic use.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria, His Excellency Adeyinka Olatokubbo Asekun, Mallam Ibrahim Usman Jubril



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