

If you have doubts about climate change or global warming, read the article by Bill McKibben from the New Republic! Frac Sand Mining facilities can easily be connected to the activities in the fossil fuel industry which raise concern about life for future generations to come.



*.....keeping
watch on the
industry*

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**Serious issues face nations today.
Bill McKibben (350.org) raises new concerns in his article in the NEW REPUBLIC
published this past week entitled "Recalculating the Climate Math."**

<https://newrepublic.com/article/136987/recalculating->

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Please read it! You won't soon forget the contents of this important message!

Yet, there is a proliferation of frac sand mines and related facilities moving forward taking our clean air, our wetlands and polluting our water supplies. Hydraulic fracturing prospecting continues throughout the nation.

1. In Chippewa County the Land Conservation and Forest Management division approved the reclamation plan for PurFrac (a 690 acre mine) located in the Town of Cooks Valley near other mines. The State of Wisconsin DNR approved the filling in of wetland acreage at the Headwaters of the Duncan Creek so PurFrac could building a dry plant and a trans-loading station in the Village of New Auburn near residents. The trans-load facility will accommodate the loading of 150 railcars or more at that site at one time. Will the frac sand industry impact the native Brown Trout at this site? Will chemicals change the nature of Duncan Creek from its source in Chippewa County to its mouth in Chippewa Falls?

2. The largest mine in Chippewa County, Northern Sand, is still pending Town of Howard approval.

3. Two of the closed mines, one in Dunn County and the other in Eau Claire County, will be resuming operations:

<http://www.wpr.org/two-wisconsin-frac-sand-mines-resume-operation>

and

<http://www.rockproducts.com/frac-sand/15817-hi-crush-restarts-augusta-wis-plant.html#.V-QjEcm3Tlx>

4. A message from a friend in Illinois where people are facing similar situations: "In LaSalle County, not only have silica sand mines proliferated and expanded, so have industries associated with their growth. Residents have seen one huge sand rail transport facility open in Troy Grove, IL; two more are planned for Peru and Earlville. Not long after Troy Grove opened, the Great Lakes Basin Rail project, a rail bypass for Bakken oil, announced plans for its mega rail line circumventing Chicago by running through LaSalle County near Earlville.

When protests erupted over that plan, GLBR submitted another route deeper into LaSalle County into Waltham Township near Troy Grove

and the huge sand rail transport facility. Waltham Township is home to US Silica's Quality Sand mine. Waltham Township farmers are also in the appellate court fighting to stop two more silica sand mines from opening.

Connect the dots . . . the Midwest potentially could be come a huge energy corridor for the transport of frac sand from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois north to the Bakken and west to Texas. The rail cars will go to the frac wells loaded with sand and come back full of oil. The first transport of Bakken oil for Europe traveled from North Dakota to the gulf by rail back in the spring, not long after Pres Obama lifted the ban on the export of crude oil. And nobody knew about it till the oil was on its way to Great Britain. Scotland has received several shipments of fossil fuel from the United States recently.

What is so maddening is all these plans are being made in the wake of low oil prices and a world wide glut of crude. What's the sense to all this? The Midwest will be permanently destroyed for what? Producing more oil won't bring the prices back. The KSA is not giving up their European market share anytime soon. So who is behind this frack frenzy? And what is the purpose? Are these projects subsidized so they

appear worth the potential risk? Who in their right mind would be planning on expanding an industry that is obviously in decline? When the frackers get done sucking the last drop of oil out of existing frack wells, and billions more tons of sand are gouged out of our earth, what will the petroleum industry have to show for it?

Beyond the horrific environmental nightmare fracking and frac sand presents is the frightening economic impact all of this will have on our nation and the world when big oil and its best buddy silica sand collapse into the pits and hell holes they have dug for themselves and the rest of us."

5. In Jackson County, Wisconsin, the Town of Curran is facing uphill battles. The expansion of the Wisconsin Proppants mine along with the development of a rail load out system in the wetlands of Curran Creek in addition to the expansion of a wet plant will mean that over 7200 acres of township land will be under the destructive knife of the frac sand industry including the transportation issues that accompany it. When will this extreme extraction end? When is enough enough? What extremes can residents tolerate in a town and/or county when there are no ordinances designed to

**protect citizens.....or what is the cost
citizens must be willing to pay when there are
inadequate or weak ordinances?**

6. The pipeline destined to cross the Missouri River has been facing opposition for weeks. The brave Lakota and other tribes will be guarding their sacred areas and the source of their drinking water at Standing Rock in North Dakota and need public donations for supplies and food in order to protect their sacred lands and water. In an article entitled: "1,200 archeologists denounce desecration of Standing Rock burial grounds by DAPL, UN agrees." You can read the current news about the dilemma we all face regarding pipeline expansion and the issues regarding the taking of land by eminent domain. And, by the way, what is the future of the pipeline here in Wisconsin? There seems to be no end in sight for all the aggression we are experiencing as common ordinary citizens with the fossil fuel industry.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2016/09/23/1573641/-1-200-Archeologists-denounce-desecration-of-Standing-Rock-burial-grounds-by-DAPL-UN-agrees?>

7. Finally, read about the efforts being taken in

Northwest Wisconsin regarding solar energy. Despite objections, rulings etc., there are many taking action so that fossil fuels are left IN THE GROUND to reduce the severe climate and global warming issues as well as severe air and water pollution which according to McKibben require immediate action. Moving to SOLAR GARDENS is one way! You may want to look at solar and other alternative energies to reduce consumption and then finally bring an end to the use of fossil fuels.

<http://www.leadertelegram.com/News/Front-Page/2016/09/24/Solar-gardens-popping-up-throughout-western-Wisconsin.html>

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