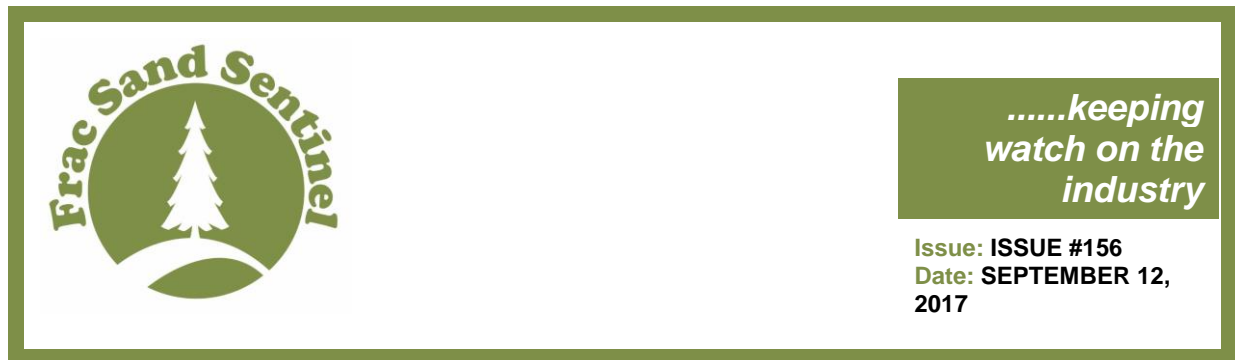


Subject: FRAC SAND SENTINEL ISSUE # 156 SEPT. 12, 2017 STATE VS. LOCAL CONTROLS ON QUARRIES

DO YOU WANT YOUR TOWNS AND COUNTIES TO LOSE LOCAL CONTROL? THE TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENT HAS WORDING THAT TURNS OVER PARTS OF THE REGULATION OF QUARRIES TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND EXCLUDE LOCAL CONTROL. READ ABOUT IT!!



Yesterday, I received the information below from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION BY CALLING YOUR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING TOWN BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND COUNTY OFFICIALS!

If you are confident that sand and gravel pits are best handled at the state level rather than at the town or county level, please think about the pros and cons. Part of the budget plan is to cut 200 staff at the DNR in the up-coming year. Who is responsible for the oversight? The industry? The information from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities is in quotes:

"Take action to preserve local control of gravel quarries!"

Last week, the Joint Committee on Finance voted along party lines to add language to the state budget greatly limiting municipal power to regulate gravel quarries. - including hours of operation, noise limits and blasting. (See the list below.) The amendment was a compromise but it wasn't our compromise. It pre-empts cities and villages as well as counties and towns from regulating quarries.

The League has asked Assembly and Senate GOP leaders to remove this provision from the state budget or, at a minimum, exempt cities and villages from its application.

The deal was worked out between the Wisconsin Towns Association and the Wisconsin Counties Association with the Wisconsin Aggregate Producers Association. The Towns and Counties agreed to the budget amendment after the quarry operators agreed not to make the provision applicable to frac sand mines and to support future efforts by the Towns Association to seek increases in state transportation aids for towns.

The lengthy amendment limits the authority of

local governments to place restrictions or conditions on the operations of a quarry, including the following:

- 1) Disallows a municipal zoning ordinance from prohibiting the continued operation of a quarry at a nonconforming quarry site. Continued operation of a quarry includes performing quarry operations in an area of a nonconforming quarry site that has not previously been used as a quarry.**
- 2) Prohibits limits on blasting.**
- 3) Prohibits regulating hours of operation.**
- 4) Prohibits local regulations on water quantity and quality.**
- 5. Prohibits local air quality requirements, including dust.**
- 6. Prohibits local noise limits.**
- 7. Prohibits local restrictions on the number of trucks that can enter and exit the quarry.**

Read the full list of limitations on municipal powers at pages 13-18 in JFC budget motion

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