

***THE SAVE THE HILLS ALLIANCE***

***CONCERNED CHIPPEWA CITIZENS-SAVE OUR HILLS-LOYALTY TO OUR LAND  
AND MANY OTHERS***

**Website: [www.ccc-wis.com](http://www.ccc-wis.com)**

**[Take a look at the air quality monitoring going on at several sites in Chippewa Co! Leave a comment.](#)**

The Frac Sand Times-February 6, 2012

**The next meeting of the Concerned Chippewa Citizens/TSTHA will be  
Sunday Feb. 12, 2012 at Charlie's Place at 3:00 p.m. You are welcome  
to attend! Call for directions.**

**The frac sand industry is enlarging so quickly that it is difficult to keep up with all the written literature on the topic! There may be something in each reference that may help your plan.(see previous mailing with references).**

Frac Sand mining in Western Wisconsin continues to take over Wisconsin lands and hills, ridges, and bluffs. This newsletter is an amalgamation of information providing insight on a complex topic.

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**Have you checked out potential minesites for the Karner Blue Butterfly and the Lupines it feeds on? Finally, an environmental issue unaddressed**

**[http://m.host.madison.com/mobile/article\\_f85d7c7e-4c75-11e1-b8da-001871e3ce6c.html](http://m.host.madison.com/mobile/article_f85d7c7e-4c75-11e1-b8da-001871e3ce6c.html)**

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**An editorial:** it is time for some intergovernmental cooperation and open meetings that allow for communication among many stakeholders affected by the silica mining industry and processing factories popping up in many areas of the state. One town is affecting the other; cities are impacting rural areas and cities downstream from them. Why does any one city, town or county or part of the state have the right to impact the other with heavy industrial products without making some accommodations, creating some limitations, and demanding that the mining companies follow through by tightening their own regulations? The citizenry deserve better. Are YOU going to call your local representatives or others to give ideas? HOPE lies in everyone responding and working together. Many great responses from groups and individuals from outside the Chippewa Co. area with actions they are taking are rolling in. Is Chippewa Co. going to be an "island" without careful consideration of its own residents as well as those outside of it? WE are already deeply involved into transporting our hills, ridges and bluffs to the national and international scene and while we are doing that we are allowing air pollution with heavy use of fuels, emissions, along with dangerous use of water supplies to wash sand. I can try to spread useful information but it is up to each of the readers of this message to undertake the responsibility to express your views.

[http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Transnational\\_corps/Fools\\_Gold.html](http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Transnational_corps/Fools_Gold.html)

## Fool's Gold

Every major gold rush has meant death and devastation for local people at the hands of fortune-seekers. California's Native American nations were decimated first by the diseases the 49ers brought with them, then by the new California state government, which put bounties on the heads of native people. Today the Galamsey of West Africa, the Igorot of the Philippines, and the Macuxi and Yanomami of the Amazon are similarly endangered. The Yanomami, for example, had little contact with the rest of Brazil until the arrival of the first garimpciros (gold miners) in the 1970s. By 1989, an estimated 40,000 miners had flocked to the area, polluting rivers and spreading malaria. Decimated by disease, the number of Yanomamis living in Brazil (many also live in Venezuela) fell from 20,000 to about 8,000 in just 20 years. In the words of Yanomami representative Davi Kopenawa Yanomami, "What we do not want are the mining companies, which destroy the forest, and the garimpciros, who bring so many diseases. These whites must respect our Yanomami land. The garimpciros bring guns, alcohol, prostitution, and destroy nature wherever they go. The machines spill oil into the rivers and kill the life existing in them and the people and animals who depend on them. For us, this is not progress."

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A TOOLKIT from Red Wing, Mn is available for the public from this link. Towns or counties looking for a template for a Moratorium can find one in this document. It contains a great deal of other information you might find of interest as you work with your town boards and/or county boards to develop ordinances, develop moratoriums and educate the public and the government officials about silica mining and processing.

<https://sites.google.com/a/everythingredwing.com/save-hay-creek/fracking-documents/townshiptoolkit.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1>

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**DONATIONS, LARGE AND SMALL, ARE NEEDED TO GET THE SAVE THE HILLS ALLIANCE, INC. UP AND RUNNING. WE NEED A STRONG COALITION MORE THAN**

**EVER. PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECKS OF ANY SIZE TO The Save the Hills Alliance, Inc. Ken Lestrud, Treasurer, N 7225 690<sup>th</sup>, Menomonie, WI 54751 Donations are not deductible.**

**If you would rather give gifts "in-kind", we could use stamps, 8 1/2x11 copy paper and/or colored copy paper, a supply of legal envelopes.**

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Excellent websites! Updates are continuously being made!

<http://www.monroecountysandmines.org/>

<http://www.tunnelcitysandmine.org/>

[WWW.CCC-WIS.COM](http://WWW.CCC-WIS.COM)

Several people in Menomonie have observed Sand Trucks traveling through the downtown area without the required covering over the truck. They contacted the State Patrol regarding this issue. The State Patrol told them to try and get some identification from the truck (license plate, company name, etc.) and call them. They will give tickets to uncovered trucks carrying sand.

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AND HERE IS A NOTE FROM A LOCATION WHERE SAND MINING HAS BECOME AN ISSUE. IF YOU HAVE A RESPONSE, PLEASE WRITE TO ME:

I need help with permitting the Sand Mining projects that will be coming to the County. \*\*\*\*\*County is getting a lot of inquires about sand mining operations. They **are** going to build Sand Plants and Mines in the County. My supervisor is wondering if there is a municipality or agency out there that has codes, rules, ordinances, laws, etc,etc for all the stuff a sand mine(or any mining operation) may have. They are not just buildings. They will have conveyors that will move sand for many miles. They also have tanks and silo type structures that don't fall under building permits and of course a lot of electrical stuff throughout. Some will be in zoned townships and some will be in non zoned townships. Does anyone have a way to regulate and permit all or at least most of this activity.

Thanks

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Just got word that core drillings are going on in Edgewater, Sand Lake and Bass Lake towns in Sawyer County Are these boring holes being PROPERLY SEALED ACCORDING TO LAW? The DNR regulates it IF the county LCD hasn't an ordinance taking it upon themselves. If they don't, and it's up to the DNR, then any case of an improperly sealed bore hole gets referred to the AG. If the LCD has by ordinance given themselves the authority, then they can impose fines, and it would be a more immediate response I should hope.

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<http://www.jsonline.com/business/wisconsin-department-of-natural-resources-wont-regulate-silica-p14112t-138449029.html>

# Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources won't regulate silica

By [Lee Bergquist](#) of the Journal Sentinel Jan. 31, 2012 | [\(5\) Comments](#)

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DNR denies crystalline silica petition from area residents [http://chippewa.com/news/local/dnr-denies-crystalline-silica-petition-from-area-residents/article\\_3fa63046-4c33-11e1-a66e-0019bb2963f4.html](http://chippewa.com/news/local/dnr-denies-crystalline-silica-petition-from-area-residents/article_3fa63046-4c33-11e1-a66e-0019bb2963f4.html)

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