

est Environmental Advocates has issued a review of the Health Impact Assessment reported a few months ago by the Institute for Wisconsin Health. The DNR's report which was shared by Roberta Walls included some of the references to the HIA report and was presented in the Frac Sand Sentinel (Issue #87) a few days ago. Please read and pass on the MEA information to local and regional governmental representatives and others in the state who are concerned about the Health, Safety, and Welfare of those who live, work and frequent areas around frac sand mines and the related industry.



.....keeping watch on the industry

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**MEA REVIEW OF HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT
OF INDUSTRIAL SAND MINING IN WESTERN
WISCONSIN**

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**MADISON, WI – The Institute for Wisconsin
Health’s (“IWH”) Health Impact Assessment of
Industrial Sand Mining in Western Wisconsin
 (“HIA”) comes at a critical time in our collective
effort to provide information and resources to the
people most affected by this industry. The HIA
presented citizens with the opportunity to obtain
an unbiased and robust assessment of the**

industrial sand mining industry in Wisconsin. However, we are concerned that shortcomings in the HIA limit its value and dismiss concerns based on inadequate evidence or analysis. If the HIA is relied upon by local officials in future decision-making, it could actually prove to further endanger public health. IWH was forthcoming about the possible constraints and limitations of a Health Impact Assessment but given the importance of this assessment, it is important to highlight remaining unanswered questions about potential health impacts. . Many citizens and several Level 1 Partners of the HIA have expressed concerns about the HIA process and the conclusions drawn by the authors; therefore, using the information provided in our review,

We encourage citizens to . . .

- Attend monthly or quarterly County Board or Public Health Department meetings and request an opportunity to discuss or present on shortcomings of the HIA.
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- Engage County Boards and Public Health Departments and ask them to carefully review and publically comment on the HIA process and results.

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- Ask County officials to consider collecting their own data to assess environmental and health impacts.

We encourage Level 1 Partners to . . .

- Draft resolutions that explain the HIA's limitations and remaining unanswered questions to further inform local officials during decision-making.

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- Ho Chunk Nation, a Level 1 Partner, has already issued a press release expressing concern about the conclusions drawn by the HIA <http://midwestadvocates.org/assets/resources/Frac%20Sand%20Mining/20160309HoChunkHIARelease.pdf>.

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- Engage IWH and ask them to (1) take a second look at the existing data and consider a revision of the conclusions drawn in the initial report; and (2) acknowledge potential impacts for which we do not yet have enough data to confirm whether public health impacts are likely or unlikely.

Please feel free to contact MEA with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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