

Note the link below for the audio comments made in Eau Claire on July 26, 2016, to hear the concerns. Please express your concerns about the Strategic Analysis on paper by Aug. 22. See the details below!!!!



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

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**Wi DNR has released their draft Strategic
Analysis of Industrial Sand Mining
Please comment by August 22nd!**

**Our allies at Midwest Environmental Advocates
break it down for us:**

Through the strategic analysis process, the DNR evaluates potential alternative approaches to its current regulation, identifies potentially affected natural resources and likely effects of various alternatives on those natural resources. A strategic analysis doesn't make new laws, but it can be a resource for decision makers and the public. "The public and elected officials need sound, unbiased information about the impacts of frac sand mining in Wisconsin," said staff attorney Kellan McLemore. "The draft Strategic Analysis could be a useful and important resource, but it needs public input and better data on environmental impacts. It is critical that our DNR doesn't dismiss potential impacts until we have enough reliable data to be sure there is no threat to public health or the environment."

**Written public comments may be submitted
until August 22, 2016, by email to:
DNRISMSA@wisconsin.gov
or sent via US Mail to:**

**ISM SA Coordinator, WDNR OB/7, P.O. Box 7921,
Madison, WI 53707-7921.**

**Midwest Environmental Advocates is concerned
that the DNR's draft *Industrial Sand Mining
Strategic Analysis*:**

- relies on industry-funded studies on air quality based on voluntary monitoring by frac sand operations,***
 - dismisses potential impacts of fine particulate matter (PM2.5 emissions) based on insufficient data and faulty conclusions,***
- minimizes the risk of environmental harm to surface waters and wetlands from frac sand discharges, and***
- suggests there is limited impact to our agricultural land despite the large-scale losses to this valuable resource.***

However, the DNR did the right thing by acknowledging the threat of acid mine drainage from industrial sand facilities and supporting further study of the connection between mining and metals in our water.

To MEA's great list of concerns, CSP would challenge the suggestion that transportation effects on local roadways have been "minimal", based on reports from our allies to the North

where the industry has been centered.
Feeling ambitious, or want this for your files?
Download the 155 page draft Industrial Sand
Mining Strategic Analysis on the DNR
website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/eia/ismsa.html>

Feel free to draw from our concerns for your
comments and please submit before August
22nd!

A note from Roberta Walls, DNR Mining Consultant:

For those unable to attend the public information
hearing on Tuesday July 26th, Below is the link
to the audio of the ISM Strategic Analysis
hearing:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/EIA/ISMSA.html>

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