


Subject: WETLANDS UNDER SIEGE IN MONROE COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE

HEARINGS ARE BEING HELD REGARDING METEOR TIMBER'S TAKINGS OF WETLANDS IN WISCONSIN; HOWEVER, THE LEGISLATURE JUST APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL EXCEPTIONS! READ THE LATEST! A LATE-NIGHT MOVE BEFORE THE WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE CLOSES!



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

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Before the
State of Wisconsin
DIVISION OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

In the Matter of Wetland Individual Permit IP-WC-2016-42-00902, issued to Meteor Timber LLC, for wetland fill or disturbance near Rudd Creek, in the Town of Grant, County of Monroe, State of Wisconsin Case No. DNR-17-0013

In the Matter of Amended Wetland Individual Permit IP-WC-2016-42-00902, issued to Meteor Timber LLC, for wetland fill or disturbance near Rudd Creek, in the Town of Grant, County of Monroe, State of Wisconsin Case No. DNR-17-0014

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND CONTESTED CASE HEARING
AND ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

As to Case No. DNR-17-0013, on May 19, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issued a preliminary permit decision, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 281.36, granting Meteor Timber's permit application to fill 16.25 acres of wetlands for the purposes of constructing a dry plant processing facility and an associated transload facility for the shipment of industrial sand. The wetlands are located in the Town of Grant, County of Monroe, State of Wisconsin. Mr. Chris Mathis filed the permit application on behalf of Meteor Timber, LLC, which is located at 115 Perimeter Center Place, Suite 940, Atlanta, Georgia 30346. On June 19, 2017, Clean Wisconsin submitted a petition for a contested case hearing to review the decision and, on July 19, 2017, the DNR granted the request for a hearing and identified the following issues for hearing:

1. Whether the DNR had sufficient information to consider the factors used in the review contained in Wis. Stat. § 281.36(3n)(b);
2. Whether the petitioner was afforded the opportunity to comment on the proposed project pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 281.36(3m)(j);
3. Whether the DNR complied with Wis. Stat. § 281.36(3n)(d) regarding mitigation;
4. Whether the proposed project will result in significant adverse impacts to wetland functional values, in significant adverse impacts to water quality, or in other significant adverse environmental consequences;

IT APPEARS THAT CORPORATE ENTITIES HAVE PRIORITY OVER THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE.

**Today, in a late-night move, the assembly approved environmental exceptions for Meteor Timber's processing and trans-load system planned for MONROE COUNTY, WI!
READ THE LATEST IN THIS ARTICLE FROM THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL:**

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2018/02/23/assembly-late-night-move-tailors-language-help-controversial-wisconsin-sand-mining-project/368817002/>

IN A PREVIOUS FRAC SAND SENTINEL (# 175), ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS SHARED INFORMATION REGARDING A PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MADISON AT THE OFFICE OF DIVISIONS AND APPEALS. NO TESTIMONY WAS ALLOWED. BEGINNING ON FEB. 26, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 2, 2018, TESTIMONY WILL BE ALLOWED. PROCEDURES FOLLOWED ARE THOSE RESEMBLING A STATE CIRCUIT STATE TRIAL, AND LEGAL COUNCIL CAN BE PRESENT.

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It is imperative that many wetlands experts testify as to the value of wetlands to animals, birds and other wildlife who frequent these water rich areas. Wetlands protect drinking water as well as provide a critical source of protection from flooding as we have 100-1000 year storms coming more frequently. The trial hearings are being held at the F and M Bank in their Main Office at 1001 Superior Avenue, Tomah, Wi 54660 on Feb. 26-March 2, 2018.

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