

FRAC SAND MINING IS NOT WITHOUT ITS HUMAN INCIDENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS! NEIGHBORS ARE AFFECTED.



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

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**NEWS FROM
WHITEHALL,
WI AND HIGH
CRUSH**

**A bulldozer
tipped over at
High Crush in
Whitehall, WI**

**in to a contaminated water holding pond with
the driver inside the vehicle this morning.**



Emergency management took down the dike and let it drain into Poker Coulee to make a rescue. The result was that neighbors were flooded—the waters reached a stream and then discharged into the Trempealeau River but not without pollution, degradation of the environment, and plenty of silt deposits. Who knows what else went into the river? As the river turned a bright orange the neighbors were shocked at the destruction of their local surroundings. The driver was rescued while the water flooded the neighborhood—the DNR was notified; the EPA was called as well but no answer—a complaint form was filled out online but there were no assurances that the information reached their desks so they could take action..

A water sample was taken by the citizens and results will be returned to those citizens who witnessed the event.

The Trempealeau River has been orange today!

There are many unanswered questions that occur when breaches of this nature happen including: what will be the disciplinary action on the part of the so called protective agencies and what responsibility will the company take to assure events like this will not occur again to neighboring properties and to the streams

and rivers nearby?

Below is a link to a brief video which shows contaminated water having turned a stream orange.

<https://vimeo.com/271184770>

Below is an article from the Winona Daily News about the incident:

[Man rescued from submerged bulldozer in Whitehall sand mine](#)

Note the number of emergency service people and vehicles sent to the site. Some of them ended up with minor injuries according to the article.

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