

Have you been wondering about the status of frac sand mining in WI?



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

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**TOUGH TIMES  
FOR FRAC SAND  
MINING!**



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**[Frac Sand Mining: Tough Times](#)**

**Many mines, processing plants and transload**

**stations are not operating currently during a phase called INTERMITTENT MINING.**

**They are closed down. They have no workers at the site.**

**No employees are on site means there is no supervision of what is occurring at the site.**

**Even though sand is blowing every which way, no watering occurs as seen in the picture above (a very primitive method using a water tanker and an old fire hose used by a sand mining company which I obtained from them a few years ago.)**

**Fine particulates are easily picked up by the winds and carried great distances. NR 135 allows for INTERMITTENT MINING. There is no question that EROSION is taking place at various mining and processing sites. Who is responsible for keeping down the dust when the mine is not in operation? It isn't clear. Is it County employees, Township or City personnel, or someone else? All the public knows is that erosion like this should not be happening. Are there fines? Are citations given?**

**How often does the Department of Natural Resources visit INTERMITTENT SITES?**

**If you have questions, please call the air division of the Department of Natural Resources. Better**

**yet, ask your town, city, country, village or other form of responsible government to write a letter of concern to the Department of Natural Resources.**

**By the way, there is no STANDARD for respirable crystalline silica dust although many people signed petitions many years ago asking that a standard be set. We have a list of several excuses given as to why they couldn't develop a standard. Our neighbor, Minnesota, does have a standard which they enacted when they realized that respirable crystalline silica is carcinogenic.**

**Shouldn't Wisconsin enact a standard? You can help by writing letters and reporting incidences to the Air Quality Division of the DNR, to legislators and to the governor. Is your County Health Department geared up for dealing with repeated exposures to respirable crystalline silica dust and the health implications for all ages of folks in your county?**

**Why not ask?**

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