

Emerge Energy Declares Bankruptcy. Superior Silica Sands is a part of Emerge Energy with locations in Chippewa and Barron Counties. What is the future of reclamation financing at each of the sites? Will local taxpayers have to pay the bill?



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Many questions over the years have been raised about reclamation permits issued by each county but required by the State of Wisconsin for non-metallic bedrock mines engaged in mining silica and other aggregates. NR 135 guides the process each county uses. The time for the test has arrived. "Financial assurance" plans in reclamation permits vary from county to county and from each permitted facility to another

although there are some standard fees. The real test lies in whether or not there are sufficient funds to cover the plan for the reclamation process itself.

Depending on the mine size, product removed, and a host of other considerations including the expected outcome, the cost will vary. Utilizing large equipment and manpower is extremely costly. And the maintenance and upkeep extends out years beyond the reclamation steps initially taken. Stabilization of a facility against the elements on what were bluffs, hills, and ridges requires expert workmanship.

NR135.40(4) lists both bonds and irrevocable letters of credit as suitable forms of financial assurance.

NR135.40(9) provides detail regarding the cancellation of financial assurance:

Cancellation. Financial assurance shall provide that it may not be cancelled by the surety or other holder or issuer except after not less than a 90-day notice to the regulatory authority in writing by registered or certified mail. Not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of the 90-day notice of

cancellation, the operator shall deliver to the regulatory authority a replacement proof of financial assurance. In the absence of this replacement financial assurance, all mining shall cease until the time it is delivered and in effect.

This 90-day cancellation notice provides the County with enough time to claim financial assurance prior to its expiration.

This is an issue that demands understanding and participation on the part of the public in the county where you live.

Find out more about the status from your county. You may also want to check with your legislative representatives about quality reclamation of these already blighted sites.

I will be mailing out a video from Food and Water Watch soon. It is one worth watching. Hydraulic fracturing, pipelines, coastal stations and ports designed for shipping out fossil fuel products and more being built as the minutes tick by. These infrastructure advancements will allow the distribution of our fossil fuel related resources around the world while our environment goes down the drain.

Please look for it and share! We are all in this rapid development and without our actions, this state will only continue to lose its natural resources including silica sand, land for agriculture, clean air and clean water along with the hills, ridges and bluffs of our state. We can't allow this to happen.

Get involved!

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