

Sand Mine Values Plummet!



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

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**Idled  
Superior Silica  
Sands on DD and  
Highway 64 in  
Chippewa Co.,  
Wisconsin**



**During this past week, several state newspapers carried reports on the status of frac sand mining in WI. Salient points from these articles included the following:**

**Hi-Crush said the decision resulted from a general oversupply of sand (silica) and a shift to locally produced sand in the highly productive oil fields of Texas and New Mexico.**

**“We do not see this trend reversing and as a result**

**our Northern White sand assets have been impacted,” Hi-Crush CFO Laura Fulton said during a conference call with investors.**

**U.S. Silica CEO Bryan Shinn told investors he believes Northern White capacity still needs to be cut by about 20 million tons. That’s the equivalent of seven to 10 typical Wisconsin mines.**

**“A lot of our less capable competitors, quite frankly, are running at a cash loss per ton and that just can’t continue,” Shinn said. “That’s going to force a shakeout on the sand mining side of our business.”**

**You will find the major article [HERE](#).**

**So what does this information mean for the future of frac sand mining in Wisconsin? As pipelines continue to be built, as long as there is demand from foreign countries for oil and gas and related products including large amounts of plastics and liquified natural gas (LNG), will the USA continue to do hydraulic fracturing which requires frac sand to prop open the fissures continue? The infrastructure is present. Health related problems persist. Public involvement will help determine the future if and when we move toward more self-sustaining lifestyles and products. The future is in your hands. Be involved and active. Make change through your involvement.**

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