

What are your stories and observations?



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

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Hundreds of frac sand cars are lined up on tracks in Wisconsin this spring and summer.



Have you observed the movement of frac sand rail cars throughout the state recently?

This past week, my windows are open and I hear and observe frac sand cars moving on the rail which is about a block and a half from where I live. The noise is outstanding as engines move the cars through at least a half dozen intersections at any time of the day or night from the north. Since a unit train of 100 cars is necessary to do one frack somewhere in the USA, moving small numbers of cars at a time is rather contradictory to the need

for efficiency in the frac sand industry. About 15 empty frac sand cars were observed this week moving to the north no doubt to keep up with what appears to be a dying industry here and there. Union Pacific is the line that carries these cars and it is obviously impacted by a vast reduction in the demand for rail cars carrying the great white northern sandstone and finished product known as frac sand that frequents this area.

So, what is the reason? Take a look at the news article that recently appeared in several of the local newspapers on line.

[Click on this link to see the article!](#)

or, click on this direct link:

https://madison.com/business/pandemic-grips-commerce-hits-railroader-union-pacific/article_28e40e4a-27e2-5835-8ad4-f40f9b0d9716.html#utm_source=madison.com&utm_campaign=%2Femail-updates%2Fbusiness&utm_medium=PostUp&utm_content=ceb789a61bea10a0cf96d4ff2bd6d2c38abbdcf0

It is anyone's guess that frac sand mining will

**return to the midwest anytime soon to pick up the
slowed industry for Union Pacific.**

**Please submit your thoughts and predictions
about the future of the rail in relationship to frac
sand industries if you would like to have your
comments featured.**

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CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE: CCC-WIS.COM and for additional information, [click here](#) for panoramic aerial views of frac sand mines, processing plants, and trans-load facilities. FracTracker.org is also an excellent source of information.