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**Town of Dovre,
Barron County WI**

**Auction Sale ends
on Oct. 28, 2020**



Frac sand mining has almost come to a stand still in North West WI, but there have been many changes within and outside of the industry. Included in this issue are several links to articles that you will not want to miss. Northern Industrial Sands is located in the Town of Dovre in Barron County. It appears to be having an auction sale that ends on Oct. 28.

(see above-pictures taken by an anonymous citizen) The processing plant can be seen along highway 53 heading north. It is the 5th processing plant along that stretch of highway beyond Chippewa Falls, WI as you drive to the north.

In other news, Rigzone has reported that "Schlumberger Sale Marks Shale Turning Point"

(Bloomberg) -- Schlumberger has become the biggest oil-service industry player yet to abandon frack work in North America, a sign that activity in the U.S. shale patch may never revisit previous highs.

The provider of drilling and oil-production equipment agreed to sell its U.S. and Canadian fracking business to smaller rival Liberty Oilfield Services Inc. After similar exits over the past few years by Baker Hughes Co. and Weatherford International Plc, Halliburton Co. is now the sole global provider of well completions for shale, and even Halliburton has said it's looking overseas...

You can read more at the following link:

https://www.rigzone.com/news/wire/schlumberger_sale_marks_shale_turning_point-01-sep-2020-163173-article/

Rock Products Magazine reports that Gordon Brothers Are To Sell CSI Sands Arcadia Assets:

<http://rockproducts.com/2020/10/16/gordon-brothers-to-sell-csi-sands-arcadia-assets/>

Will the ban battle in Winona County, MN end up in a Federal Court with Minnesota Sands, LLC taking the lead? You can view more about this on-going issue at this site:

<http://rockproducts.com/2020/10/16/minnesota-sands-appeals-to-supreme-court/>

Quote from Minnesota Sands President, Rick Frick:

“We believe the Minnesota Supreme Court’s recent decision to not overturn the ban creates dangerous conflicts with U.S. Supreme Court precedent,” Minnesota Sands President Rick Frick said in a statement. “We are hopeful the court will decide to hear this case and overturn what we continue to believe is an ordinance that clearly interferes with interstate commerce and violates the Constitution’s Commerce Clause.”

For the health and safety of your family and household pets, it might be wise to have a radon check if you live near a frac sand mine where lots of blasting has occurred over the years. Radon gas is a tasteless, odorless gas that can cause a wealth of health problems if it enters your house or water supply or both. If you are in need of a kit to place in your home, please give me a call at 1-715-723-6398. Your Public Health Officials may be able to help you out with some free advice but there are a number of companies now devoting their time to mitigation of the gas from those homes located in sandstone hills in the area at a price, of course.

In addition, if you live near frac sand mining facilities(mining/processing and trans-load stations) and would like to have a Purple Air Monitor to measure

particulates in the air in real time, please contact me and I will pass the information onto Dr. Crispin Pierce who can install if you are eligible so you and your family can participate in citizen science by viewing the levels at any given time. Call 715-723-6398 or shoot me an email at sunnyday5@charter.net so we can share the next steps to allow you participation.

Be certain to VOTE on November 3 if you have not already done so by absentee ballot!

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Welcome to the Frac Sand Sentinel, a newsletter highlighting resource links, news media accounts, blog posts, correspondence, observations and opinions gathered regarding local actions on, and impacts of, the developing frac sand mining and processing industries.

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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. Additional pictures have been added to FracTracker resources at www.ccc-wis.com Just click on the tab under FracTracker at the website. The pictures may continue to change as time goes on.