



Silica Sand Proposed Rules

The purpose of this survey is to gather further input from local government units (LGUs) on the proposed silica sand rules.

Q1 Do you represent a:

- County 11
 City 13
 Township 70
 State agency

TOTAL = 94

Other: please specify

Proposed Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Thresholds and Responsible Government Unit (RGU):

Q2 The proposed rules would require an EAW for any silica sand mining project of 20 acres or more.

- I agree that should be the threshold
 20 acres is too low, it should be:
 20 acres is too high, it should be:
 it should be (and why):

Q3 In the case of a silica sand mining project of 20 acres or more, the proposed rule makes the local government the RGU.

- I agree
 I disagree
 The RGU should be:

COUNTY -
 Agree with RGU = 8 (73%)
 Disagree with RGU = 3 (27%)

CITY -
 Agree with RGU = 9 (69%)
 Disagree with RGU = 4 (31%)

TOWNSHIPS -
 Agree: 52 (79%)
 Disagree: 14 (12%) [LGU]

TOWNSHIPS:

Agree with Threshold: 35 (56%)
 20 acres is too low: 9 (14%) [60, 80, 40 acres]
 20 acres is too high: 19 (30%) [all, 5, 10 acres]

ALL:
 Agree with threshold: 49 (56%)
 Threshold is too high: 23 (26%)
 Threshold is too low: 15 (17%)

ALL-

Agree with RGU: 69 (77%)
 Disagree with RGU: 21 (23%) [State]

I agree with the sensitive shoreland threshold
 This threshold is too low, it should be:
 This threshold is too high, it should be:
It should be: (and why)

Q9 Or any mining project of ten or more acres in a forested or other naturally vegetated land in a non-sensitive shoreland area, will require an EAW.
 I agree with the non-sensitive shoreland threshold
 This threshold is too low, it should be:
 This threshold is too high, it should be:
It should be: (and why)

Q10 For both of the of the thresholds above (2 acres in a sensitive shoreline area, ten acres in a non-sensitive shoreline area) the LGU would be the RGU.
 I agree
 I disagree
The RGU should be:

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): THRESHOLDS and RGU's:

Q11 Under the proposed rules, the threshold for an EIS for a silica sand mining project would be any project that will result in 80 or more acres of mine area during the projects existence.
 I agree with this threshold
 This threshold is too low, it should be:
 This threshold is too high, it should be:
It should be: (and why)

Q12 For a silica sand mining project that will result in 80 or more acres of mine area during the projects existence, the local government unit is the RGU for the EIS.
 I agree
 I disagree

The RGU should be:

Q13 Development of an underground silica sand mine would require an EIS regardless of size

- I agree with this threshold
 This threshold is too low, underground mines should not be allowed
 This threshold is too high, an EIS should be required above a certain size:
It should be: (and why)


Q14 For development of an underground silica sand mine, the local government unit is the RGU.

- I agree
 I disagree
The RGU should be:

Q15 Please use the space below for any other comments you would like to make about the proposed silica sand rules:

Thank you for your input!



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