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I am concerned that where silica sand is mined, ground water is negatively impacted. This has been proven to be the case in many areas already. I seems like large companies move in and make their money by harvesting the natural resource and then leave the mess for others to clean up. Many land owners see this as a way to make big money only to find after the mining is done, their land is worth much less due to the ground water contamination. I see how this is tempting to land owners and big business looking for a quick way to make big money, BUT it appears to not be good for the environment resulting to negative impacts to those surrounding the mining site that did not profit from the action and must stay to live with the long term negative impacts.

The state must carefully set long term regulations on companies that last long after they have moved on to another site. Unfortunately it is hard to get a company to clean up after themselves if they are out of business having taken the money and ran away from any long term responsibilities. Perhaps companies must establish a long term escrow with the state prior to permitting to pay for potential problems. If no clean up is needed after 25 years of observation and testing, they would get their money back.

Thanks

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