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Frac sand mining requires many provisions that theoretically attempt to protect our land, our water and all that live here. The theoretical nature of these provisions is huge red flag. It must not be ignored because the end results of such theoretical provisions are unknown.

There is a time-honored saying that "you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear". Frac mining of natural gas is a perfect example. Proof continues to surface of its negative impacts on water supplies, land values and the integrity of the land. It requires violent methods, ie. removal of hills and creation of "earth quakes" to mine silica sand from one area and subsequently extract the gas from another. A few landowners and a few companies make huge profits, but the majority of us suffer the consequences of a severely degraded environment. My belief is that to produce gas by frac mining is wrong, and that the mining of silica sand that contributes to it is equally so. We should be stopping such mining in its tracks, not trying to find ways to protect ourselves from it. No one wants to be a neighbor to these operations and no one should be put in a position to make that decision.

Thank you. Lynne Farmer, 43645 Bobcat Drive, Rushford MN