

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Informational Hearing

Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation

Notice is hereby given that **Superior Silica Sands, LLC (SSS)** has filed an application to amend an existing Nonmetallic Reclamation Plan for the SSS Auburn Mine, as regulated under the Chippewa County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance, NMM Permit #2011-02.

As currently permitted, the mine site covers approximately 473 acres with a maximum allowable depth of excavation established at 1,100 feet above MSL.

As currently permitted, the mine operates as a zero discharge mine with no water discharges to surface water.

The proposed plan amendment would allow controlled discharges of storm water and treated wastewater, meeting the requirements for water discharge, established under the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) General Permit No. WI-B046515-6 for Industrial Sand Mining and Processing.

A hearing on the permit application and reclamation plan will be held on Wednesday evening, August 23, 2017, in Room 302 at the Chippewa County Courthouse. A public informational hearing, pursuant to NR 135.20(2), will commence at 7:30 p.m. The public informational hearing will be conducted for the purpose of explaining and receiving comments from affected persons on the nature, feasibility, and effects of the proposed reclamation.

Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR135.20(3)(c), the subject matter and testimony at this public informational hearing shall be limited to the reclamation of the nonmetallic mine site. To meet this requirement, public testimony that extends beyond the scope of the NR135.20 hearing, including matters related to traffic, setbacks, blasting, hours of operation, noise or dust control, or the question of whether to use the land for mining, will be curtailed.

Copies of the application and reclamation plan are available for review at the Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 711 N. Bridge Street, Room 011, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 during regular business hours. The plan can also be viewed and downloaded at no cost from the Department's website at: <http://www.co.chippewa.wi.us> Paper and digital copies are available upon request at duplication cost.

The public may contact the Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management at (715) 720-3644 with questions regarding the application and reclamation plan or if you wish to make an appointment to review documents for the proposed mine.

Christien Huppert, Project Engineer, Chippewa County

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