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Chippewa Sand Company, LLC
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Darrel Fehr, 18441 County Hwy DD, Bloomer, WI 54724

I'm Darrel Fehr, I'm an adjoining landowner and also the Town Chairman of the Town of Cooks Valley. I just have a couple brief comments.

I guess I want to thank Chippewa County for pursuing this better water management program with the 100 year pond there. I think that's a definite improvement. Along with that, I think we got to go and have some parameters set on that at 40 ppm clarity. I believe that's what our EOG pond down there, that they constructed, has. So, I think we should go there.

I guess as far as the mine goes, basically, I don't mind if you're mining, that's not my....I looked at mining myself but it didn't work out for me and I chose not to.

I do think...I'm a little skeptical about your plans here because of your past history with us not reclaiming. We need some more and better sequential reclaiming. I think we are going to have to limit some acres, maybe hopefully down to 40 acres or less so that we get some green grass growing here and some trees on it.

I still do not like this high wall. I think there should be another way to do this.

As you stated at the information meeting at the town level, I think we should be testing the mud from the press and from the monitoring wells for heavy metals and other contaminants such as your flocculants and whatnot that you're using in your ponds.

Got to do a little better job of listening to the landowners around you. I know there's been at least one instance where you had water running off and kind of were in denial for a while. I think you've got it taken care of now but I think you gotta be better at that.

Guess that's all I have.

Thank you.

Patricia Popple, 561 Summit Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 (Received verbal testimony 7/1/18)

Testimony read off from written statement (Sections 1-6 only)– see in written testimony.

Heather Andersen, 6871 190th Avenue, Bloomer, WI 54724

My name is Heather Andersen. I live in the Town of Auburn and the City of Bloomer, just outside.

You know....reclamation.....you know, is such a misnomer. There is no such thing as reclamation. You're never gonna reclaim this to what it was. Nobody has talked about and they fail to realize that once these hills are gone, they're gone. You're not gonna have the same wildlife....you're not gonna have the same....you're not gonna be able to put it back together and the aesthetic beauty of these hills are going.... and it's 1,000 acres after another 1,000 after another 1,000 acres, and quite frankly, it makes me literally sick. So let's all just think about that...let's just all think about the fact that there's no such thing about reclamation, you're never going to reclaim it to what it was. The land will never be the same, the wildlife will never be the same, and the hills are gone.

Thank you.

Thomas Chisholm, 316 W. Spruce Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

My name is Thomas Chisholm. I'm a retired country doctor and military surgeon.

I would like to thank the geologists and the Chairman of the mine presented for the explanation but I would like.... I agree more with Heather Andersen in the remarks that the mine would ever be substantially reclaimed. That's impossible.

But what I haven't been able to find is any scientific studies of what reclamation does and what it looks like. Is there something that I can....in the literature that I can refer to as I do in my regular examination of something new in medicine and surgery?

I need some science....I need some science. I need some reference. You will never steal the beauty.

Thank you.