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FRAC SAND MINING INFORMATION MEETING TO BE HELD IN WEST SALEM

LA CROSSE – Rep. Steve Doyle (D-Onalaksa) and Sen. Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) will be hosting an informational meeting on the proposed frac sand operation near Bangor, WI.

In recent years, companies from across the country have grown increasing more invested in frac sand mining operations in Wisconsin. Frac sand is silica sand that is used in a process called hydraulic fracturing which involves pumping water, frac sand and chemicals into rock formations creating a permeable pathway for natural gas and oil to flow out and be sold. While businesses are not able to extract natural gas or oil in our state, Wisconsin’s sand resources that are used in this process are needed for out-of-state operations.

Wednesday’s hearing is in response to inquiries that have been made regarding a possible frac sand processing and shipping plant near Bangor. Southern Precision Sands LLC purchased the property last year and owns land in other states where they produce frac sand for natural gas extraction. There are currently 20 new mining operations being proposed across Wisconsin and the impacted counties have brought up many questions in regards to the impact that these operations will have on county roads and natural resources.

WHAT: Informational meeting on frac sand mining

PANEL: Representative Steve Doyle, 94th Assembly District
Senator Jennifer Shilling, 32nd Senate District
Tara Johnson, La Crosse County Board Chair
Karl Green, Natural Resource & Economic Development Agent at UW Extension
Jeff Bluske, Director of La Crosse Zoning, Planning and Land Information
Gregg Stangl, La Crosse County Dept. of Land Conservation Director
Ron Chamberlain, La Crosse County Highway Commissioner

WHEN: Wednesday, November 16th, 2011
6:30pm – 8:00pm

WHERE: West Salem Library
201 Neshonoc Road, West Salem

This event is open to the public and the press. If you would like more information about this event, please contact Rep. Doyle’s or Sen. Shilling’s office.

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