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Nathan Cooley
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Dear Mr. Cooley:

I am responding to the Pollution Control Agency and Department of Natural Resources joint solicitation for interested individuals to participate on the advisory committee being convened to provide advice on rules related to silica sand.

I am requesting that the PCA and DNR consider me as a candidate to participate on this advisory committee. Please consider me as an opponent of silica sand projects from the southeastern Minnesota region.

I am a **retired lawyer** and land use planning consultant. I have the following background related to silica sand projects:

1. I am an elected township supervisor of Preble Township in Fillmore County [2004 to present]. I oversee all land use planning issues of my township.
2. I am a member of the Fillmore County Soil & Water Conservation District water committee [2007 to present]. Silica sand project impacts have been discussed and reviewed by this water committee.
3. I was a director and chair of the board of Minnesota Environmental Partnership, a Minnesota non-profit environmental advocacy group based in St. Paul [2005-2013].
4. I was a member of the Fillmore County silica sand study committee [2012]. Following my advocacy for a Fillmore County moratorium on silica sand projects, the county commissioners approved a one-year moratorium and appointed me as the only non-county staff/commissioner member of the silica sand study committee.
5. I drafted the Fillmore County silica sand projects ordinance that was approved by the county commissioners in November 2012. That ordinance has been widely circulated, and is a model

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for other local governments.

6. When the only proposed silica sand mine was going through environmental review in Fillmore County in 2013, I prepared the Fillmore County response to this proposed mine's EAW.
7. During the last legislative session, I advocated before the Minnesota Legislature for strong legislation regulating silica sand projects.
8. I organized the June 11, 2013 meeting hosted by Governor Mark Dayton, Commissioner Tom Landwehr and Commission John Linc Stine with southeastern Minnesota opponents of silica sand projects, to discuss proposed rule-making and ways in which the new silica sand legislation can be implemented.
9. I drafted an ordinance for Florence Township in Goodhue County banning silica sand projects within that township. The ordinance was approved by the township supervisors in 2013.
10. I have advocated on silica sand project issues at several Minnesota Environmental Quality Board meetings.
11. I have worked with several groups in southeastern Minnesota and northeast Iowa to design rules to strictly regulate silica sand projects.

The following individuals are familiar with my silica sand project activities:

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Finally, I was one of several individuals to advocate before the EQB for a citizens advisory committee to assist state agencies in developing rules regarding silica sand projects. I would appreciate being considered to be included on this joint advisory committee. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'D'.

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