



July 16, 2013

Dear County, Township and City Official:

In a letter dated June 19, 2013, we indicated that we would be putting together meetings to discuss the 2013 legislation regarding silica sand mining and processing in Minnesota. The purpose of the meetings is to explain the legislation and solicit input on the technical assistance needs of local units of government. The meeting details are as follows.

Objectives

- Provide an overview of the 2013 legislation passed to address silica sand mining and processing
- Provide updates on the status of specific tasks assigned to state agencies
- Gather your feedback regarding technical assistance and implementation needs

Two meetings will be held on **Friday, August 2, 2013**. The format of the meetings will be identical and you are invited to attend the one that is most convenient.

- **Red Wing**, 9:00–11:00 a.m., St. James Hotel, Portside Meeting Room, 406 Main Street
- **Winona**, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Winona State University, Tau Center Rotunda, 511 Hilbert Street

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction Dave Frederickson, Environmental Quality Board Chair
- Pollution Control Agency update John Stine, Commissioner
- Department of Natural Resources update Tom Landwehr, Commissioner
- Department of Health update Jim Kelly, Environmental Health Manager
- Department of Transportation update Charles Zelle, Commissioner
- Technical assistance needs discussion Agencies and local government representatives

We hope you will join us. Please extend this invitation to other elected officials and appropriate staff within your local government unit. Contact Nancy Miller via email at nancy.miller@state.mn.us; or by phone at 507-206-2612 to let us know who will be representing your organization and at which location.

We look forward to meeting with you and gathering your feedback on assistance and implementation strategies.

Sincerely,

Dave Frederickson
EQB Chair and
MDA Commissioner

Edward P. Ehlinger, MD, MSPH
MDH Commissioner

John Linc Stine
MPCA Commissioner

Charles Zelle
MnDOT Commissioner

Tom Landwehr
DNR Commissioner

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