



An early draft of Minnesota frac sand mine regulations, which will now

likely be revised, calls for mining facilities to be located at least 50 feet away from a bluff and 500 feet from homes, schools, churches and public parks. Good news to Johanna Roop-Wrecked with the Land Stewardship Project who brought a slew of public complaints and concerns with her to a public hearing on the issue last week.

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Changes will be made to the regulation document based on continued input from local authorities, citizens and industry representatives. This should put on hold, a company's wanting to build 11 more frac sand mines near Winona and Houston counties.