



Timeline and Status – April 2014

DNR Silica Sand Reclamation Rulemaking

MN Law 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105(b)

Enactment of Legislation

May 24, 2013

- The Minnesota Legislature authorizes the DNR to develop rules for silica sand reclamation (MN Law 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105b). The language of the legislation states:

The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt rules pertaining to the reclamation of silica sand mines. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.

- Two other state agencies, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) are also directed to undergo rulemaking for silica sand related issues.
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Request for Comments

July 22, 2013

- The coordinating agencies (DNR, MPCA, and EQB) undergoing silica sand rulemaking publish a request for comments for each rulemaking in the State Register.

[July 22nd, 2013 Edition of the State Register:](#)

http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/38_04.pdf

- The DNR's request for comments is open-ended and remains open until further published.
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Formation and of the Silica Sand Rulemaking Advisory Panel (SSRAP)

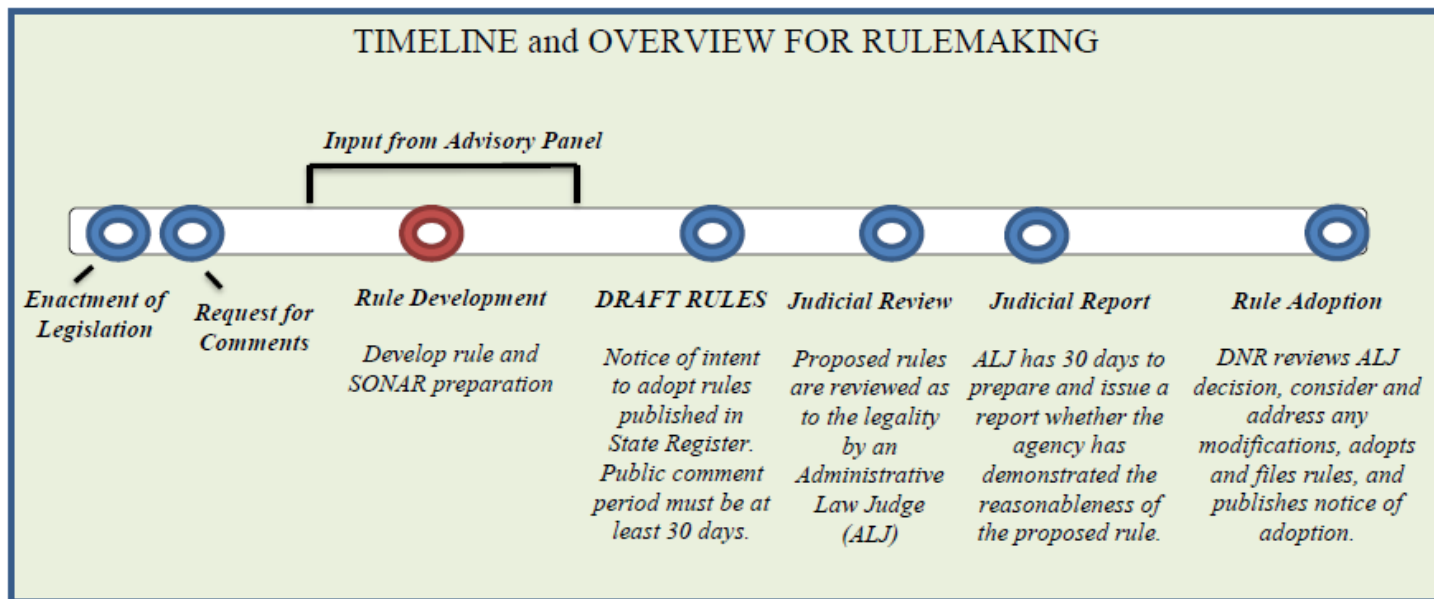
November 2013 to Present

- **Fall 2013** - Coordinating agencies receive several requests from the public to organize an Advisory Panel for silica sand rulemaking.
- **November 14, 2013** – A request for membership, published [via GovDelivery](#), solicits applicants for a new Silica Sand Rulemaking Advisory Panel (SSRAP). SSRAP is jointly led by the DNR and MPCA.
- **January 13, 2014** - State announces [membership](#) of the joint advisory committee. The committee consists of 15 members that represent three interest groups- local government, citizenry, and industry.
- **January to Present** –SSRAP meets every 4-6 weeks to discuss rulemaking topics. State of Minnesota Silica Sand [website](#) posts meeting agendas, notes, recordings, and other information.

Rule Development

Present

- Currently, the DNR is researching and developing the scope of the rules, drafting rule language, and writing a Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR).
- Information and input of the Advisory Panel is being considered during this time as well as comments received from the public.



Current Status of DNR Silica Sand Reclamation Rulemaking

Contact

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