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## U.S. Supreme Court Involvement

The U.S. Supreme Court turns down a petition seeking to overturn a Winona county's ordinance banning the mining of frac sand.

### U.S. Supreme Court Tosses Review of Minnesota County Fracture Sand Ban

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The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday denied a petition that sought to overturn a Minnesota county ordinance banning the mining of silica sand, which is used in some Lower 48 well completions.

Minnesota Sands LLC, which filed its initial lawsuit in 2017, was

challenging an adverse ruling by the Supreme Court of Minnesota regarding Winona County's ban imposed in 2016 (No. A18-0090).

Five years ago Winona County banned sand mining that was commercially "valuable for use in the hydraulic fracturing of shale to obtain oil and natural gas." However, the county still allowed the same silica sand to be mined for "local construction" uses.....

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