Mining and Water in Wisconsin: Water Use for Non-Metallic Mining





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Water Use Reporting Program: Non-Metallic Mining Products

Dimension Stone

- Landscape stone
- Building stone

Aggregate

- Crushed stone
- Gravel
- Sand

Industrial Sand

- Glass
- Castings
- Proppant or "frac" sand



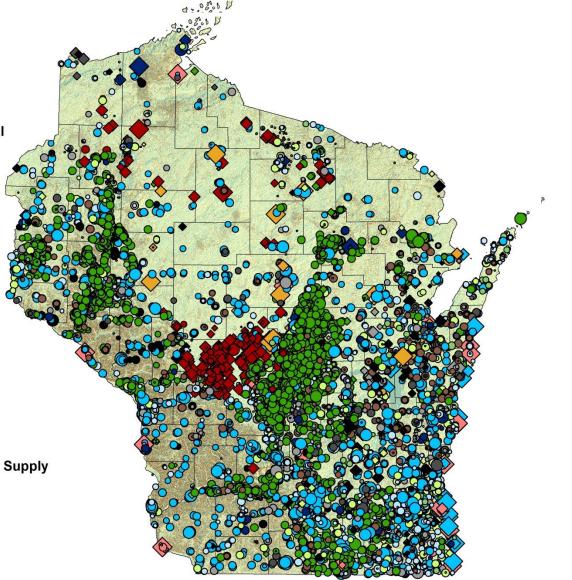


Water Use in Wisconsin : 2012 Withdrawals

- 100 kGal
- 100 kGal 1,000 kGal
- 1,000 kGal 10,000 kGal
- 10,000 kGal 100,000 kGal
- 100,000 kGal 1,000,000 kGal
- > 1 Billion Gallons

Surface WaterGroundwater

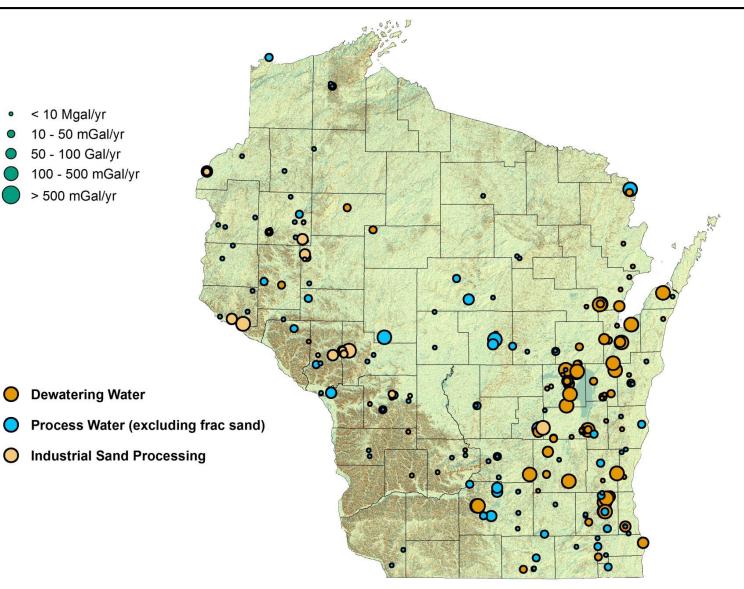
Agricultural Irrigation Aquaculture Cranberry Production Golf Course Irrigation Industrial Livestock Misc Irrigation Municipal Water Supply Non-Municipal Public Water Supply Non-Metallic Mining Paper Manufacturing Power Generation All other uses





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Water Use in Wisconsin : 2012 Non-Metallic Mining Withdrawals





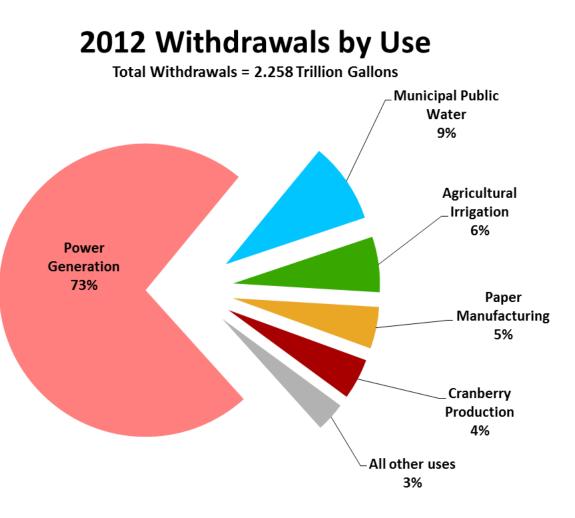
Water Use in Wisconsin: 2012 Withdrawals

In 2012, total withdrawals exceeded 2.25 trillion gallons of water from over 14,000 wells, ponds, streams, rivers and lakes.

- This is roughly equal to 3 times the water in Lake Winnebago
- Enough water to cover the surface of Wisconsin in about 2" of water.

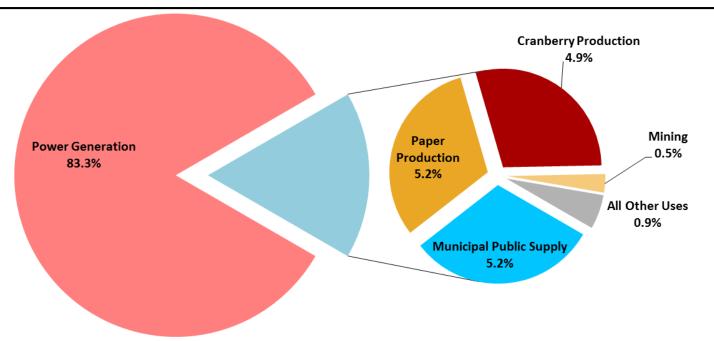
Total 2012 withdrawals were up 4.80% from 2011.

Non-metallic mining ranked 7th in total withdrawals with 13 bGal or .56% of the total withdrawal.





Surface Water Use in Wisconsin: 2012 Withdrawals



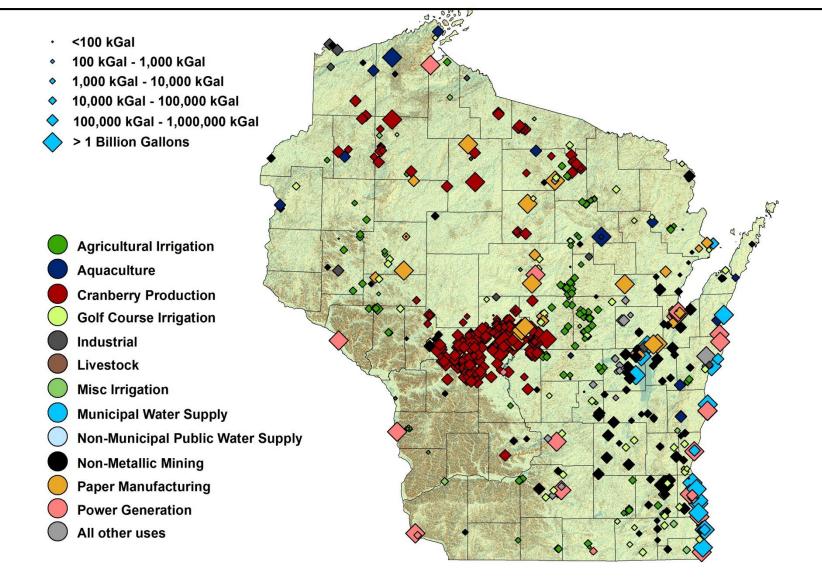
2012 Surface water withdrawals totaled 1.963 trillion gallons from 995 sources up 1% from 2011.

Non-metallic Mining Ranked 5th with 10 bGal or .5% of the total surface water withdrawal. Several sectors reported decreased withdrawals including Aquaculture (-10%), Mining (-8%), Power (-2%), and Municipal Supply (-2%).

Increases were reported in Paper (+5%) and Cranberry Production (+122%)



Surface Water Use in Wisconsin : 2012 Withdrawals

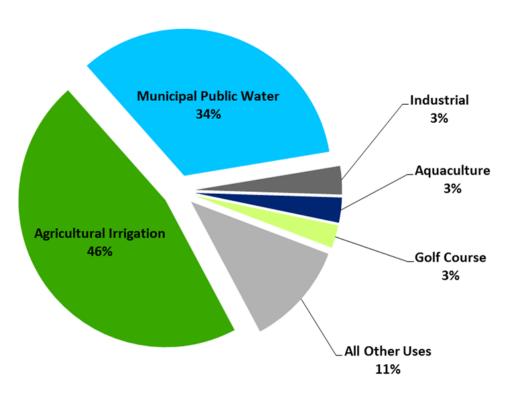




Groundwater Use in Wisconsin: 2012 Withdrawals

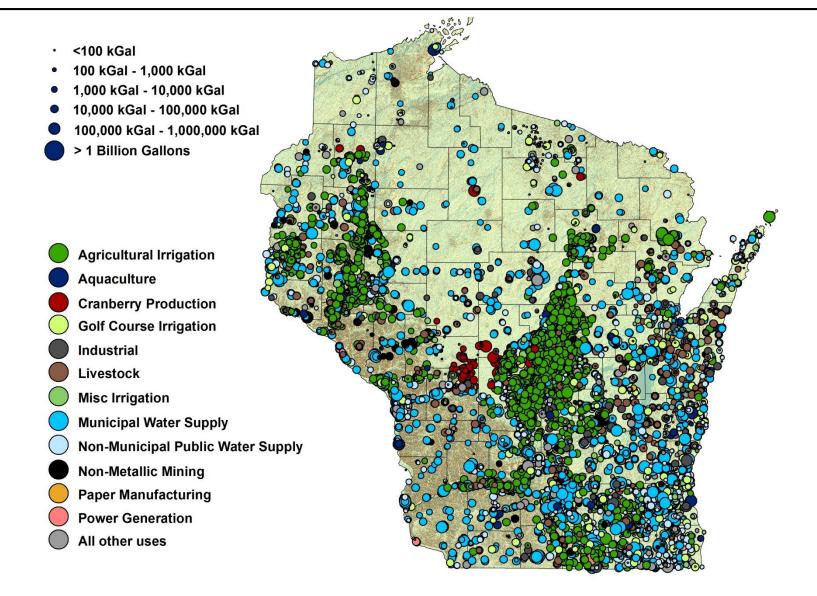
292,303,941,228 groundwater gallons from 13,000 sources in in 2012, up 37% from 2011.

- Agricultural Irrigation surpassed municipal public water in 2012 due to the drought.
- Could cover the land area of Wisconsin with ¼ inch of water.
- Enough water to fill Lambeau Field over 600 times.





Groundwater Use in Wisconsin: 2012 Withdrawals





Water Use Reporting Program: Required Registration

One or more wells or surface water pumps capable of withdrawing at 70 gpm.

- Annual report
- \$125 fee

Multiple wells or surface water sources that are cumulatively capable of withdrawing at 70 gpm.

Annual report

Temporary sources or temporary sites should be registered, but

- Annual report only if needed
- In rare case a fee could be needed

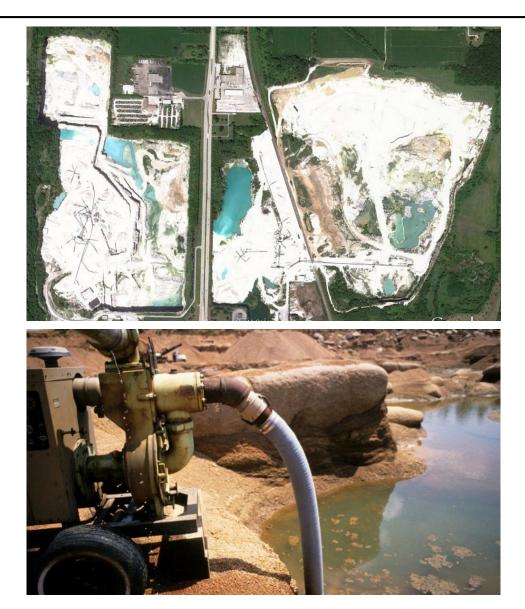




Water Use Reporting Program: Water Usage for Non-Metallic Mining - Dewatering

Dewatering

- For mining activities below the water table.
- Many have discharge permits.
- Water table varies by years, so do withdrawals.

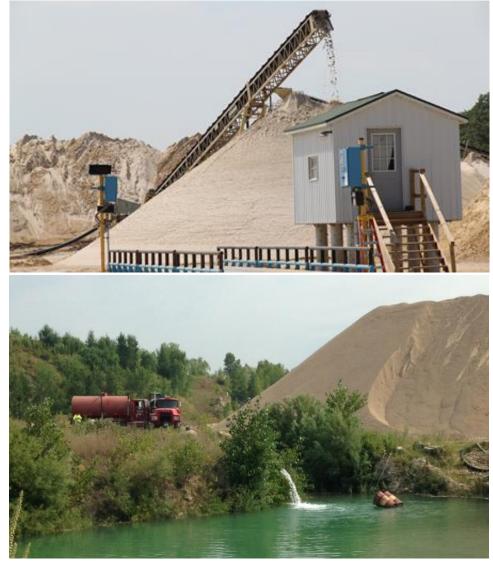




Water Use Reporting Program: Water Usages for Non-Metallic Mining

Material wash and processing

- Used to wash sand, aggregate or rock.
- Most is drained back to settling ponds and reuses.
- Dust Suppression
- Wash water might be exclusively groundwater, exclusively storm water or a combination of both.



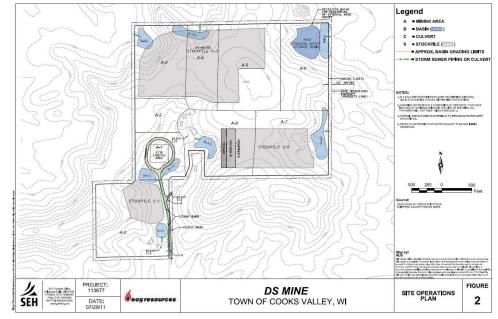


Water Use Reporting Program: Water Usages for Industrial Sand Mining

Industrial sand wash and processing

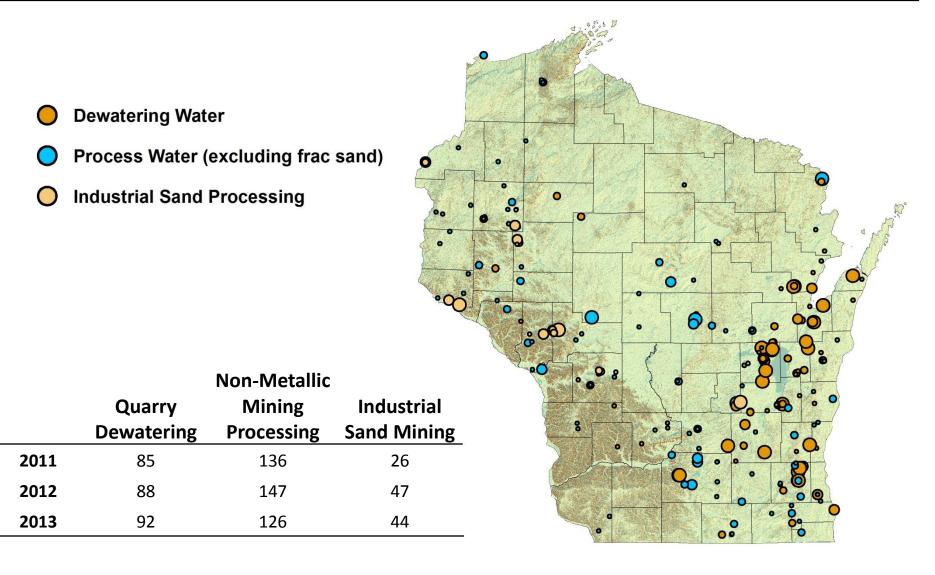
- Used to slurry sand for easier movement.
- Sand is frequently quarried and crushed at mining site and trucked to a process center.
- Used to wash sand, aggregate or rock.
 - Much is drained back to settling ponds and reused.
 - However, sand facilities lose water to evaporation during drying.
 - Drying operations may run year long.
- Dust Suppression





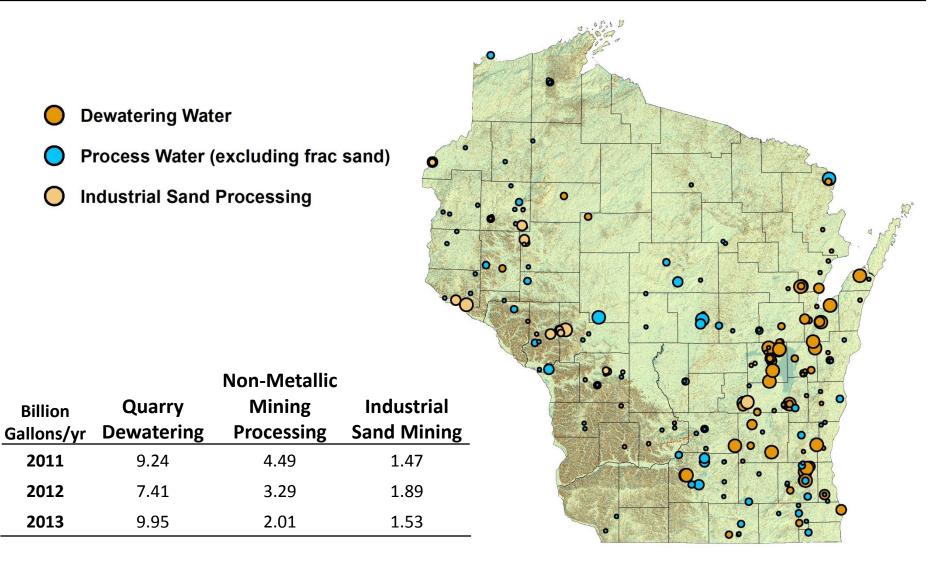


Non-Metallic Mining Withdrawals: Site Locations and Counts



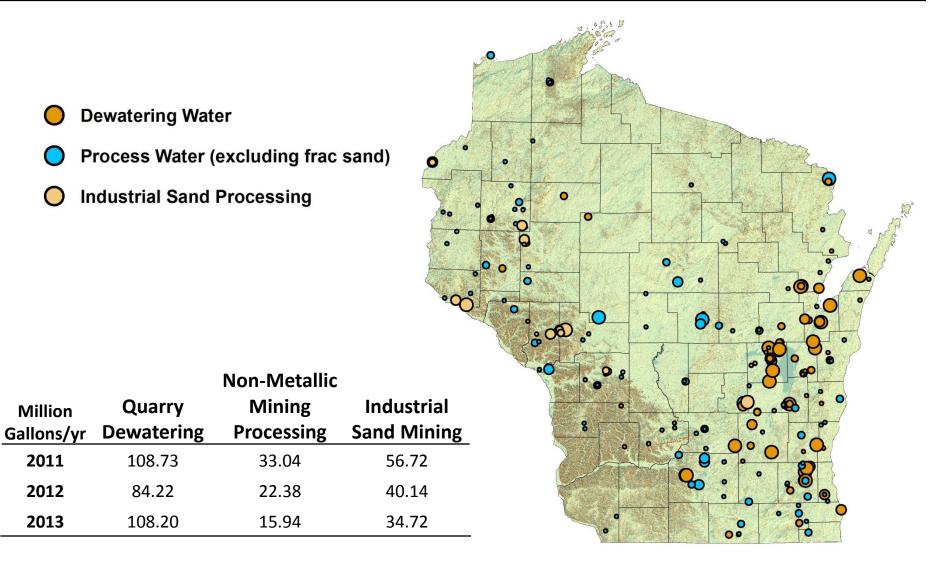


Non-Metallic Mining Withdrawals: Total Withdrawal Volume





Non-Metallic Mining Withdrawals: Average Withdrawal Volume





Non-Metallic Mining Withdrawals: Location, Size and Type

Defined by several very large withdrawers at and several very withdrawal locations.

- Ten companies withdrew 75% of the water withdrawn by nonmetallic mining operations.
- Ten facilities withdrew 46% of the water withdrawn by non-metallic mining operations.



Conclusion



- Non-metallic mining has been and continues to be an important component of Wisconsin's industrial and transportation sector.
- Non-metallic mining relies on withdrawing and using water for multiple purposes.
- Non-metallic operators reported their withdrawals at a strong rate (94.3%).
- Registration, conservation and reporting presents several challenges for non-metallic mining operations.









QUESTIONS?



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