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## DNR taps experienced hand to be new frac sand contact

With an eye toward continuity, the Department of Natural Resources last week named Deb Dix as the agency's new lead on industrial or "frac" sand issues.

Dix will serve as the initial point of contact on frac sand for public, private, legislative and media inquiries on the DNR's regulatory authorities and interaction with the industrial sand sector. She will be based in the DNR's Wisconsin Rapids office and is serving on an interim basis while the department moves forward with filling the position.

For more information, see the DNR news release at [http://dnr.wi.gov/news/BreakingNews\\_Lookup.asp?id=2853](http://dnr.wi.gov/news/BreakingNews_Lookup.asp?id=2853),

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## Air quality during fireworks a short-term concern



*By Erin Gordon, Communications Specialist, DNR Office of Communications*

As the Fourth of July approaches, residents statewide will be celebrating our nation's independence with a favorite holiday tradition -- fireworks. However, fireworks can cause the potential for air quality hazards for individuals with certain health issues.

The use of fireworks produces high concentrations of chemical particles, which can compromise air quality in a given area for a few hours. Due to this smoke released during firework displays, individuals with health issues ranging from asthma to emphysema as well as heart and lung disease are advised to take special precautions to avoid exposure. In addition, families with small children or elderly adults are at a greater risk of being affected.

Alternatives for individuals with health risks include avoiding or eliminating the personal use of fireworks at ground level or attending public events where fireworks are launched to a higher altitude, allowing more time for smoke to dissipate before reaching ground level. Those at high risk or with extreme sensitivities can still enjoy aerial displays this holiday season, either from a distance

or by watching them inside with the windows closed.

While firework displays provide fun for families and communities, the safe and legal use of them especially near forests, parks and other highly-populated areas is imperative. Bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers and M-70s are all restricted in the state of Wisconsin without a permit. Permits can be obtained from your town chair, village president or city mayor and are not for individual use.

For more information on fireworks, air quality and health effects, see <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirQuality/Fireworks.html>. For information on fireworks laws and permits in your city, please visit [www.doj.state.wi.us](http://www.doj.state.wi.us).

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