ISSUE: Should Silica Sand mining be allowed in the Red Wing area of Minnesota?

Teams/Perspectives
1. Preferred Sands ___________________ ___________________ ___________________
2. Save our Bluffs Env. Group _______________ _______________ ___________________
3. Goodhue County Board of Commissioners _______________ _______________ _______________

Debate Structure

Opening Remarks
There will be an opening statement made by your team prepared in advance. This should be 3-5 minutes long and should state your team's position and the arguments/solutions you will be proposing.

Question and Answer
Each team will take turns posing a question to one of the other teams

Each team should have at least 6 questions (2-3 for each team member) prepared that can be asked of your team to another specific team. These should be on separate sheets of paper or on notecards for easy reference. You will have 10 minutes after opening remarks to modify any of your questions. The questions should be concise and clear.

You should have answers prepared which will be used to respond to possible opponents questions. Imagine that you are from the other teams and determine what questions may be asked of your team. Answers are limited to 3 minutes

Final Argument/Statement
At the close of the question and answer period, your team will have 10 minutes to draft a final concluding statement. This should be no longer than 7 minutes. You should take notes during the entire debate so that you may refer to these in your final presentation of your team's views.

Judging
The debate will be scored on the following criteria (a grading rubric for judging will be developed soon):
- showed a solid background regarding all material
- presented evidence to back up claims
- used teamwork to develop specific positions
- was creative and convincing in arguments

The teams will be scored by the judges and points assigned as follows:
1st Place – 15 points
2nd Place - 13 points
3rd Place – 12 points