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SPRINGFIELD - Three environmental groups have filed a lawsuit claiming the Illinois

The mine still needs a permit from the state Environmental Protection Agency.

Starved Rock State Park without fully considering its effects.

Department of Natural Resources granted a permit for a sand mind planned for land adjacent to

The Sierra Club, Prairie Rivers Network and Openlands said Wednesday that the lawsuit was filed

The DNR in November granted a permit to Mississippi Sand LLC for the 80-acre open-pit mine.

The suit claims the DNR failed to follow its own guidelines in considering the mine's effects on vegetation, fish and wildlife, land values, air and water pollution and the local economy.

DNR spokesman Chris McCloud said the department hadn't yet reviewed the lawsuit and declined

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