

Gravel/borrow area shall be free of those Minnesota Noxious Weed List including Becker County Noxious Weeds.

1. Gravel/borrow material shall be inspected in the State of origin by County Agriculture Inspector.
2. Gravel/borrow material shall also be inspected in the area of origin (area shall include, but not limited to surrounding ditches, top soil piles, gravel/sand piles, fence rows, roads, easement, rights-of way, working areas, and a buffer zone surrounding the area.)
3. Gravel/borrow material shall be inspected prior to movement by County Agriculture Inspector.
4. Gravel/borrow area which contains and noxious weeds, or undesirable plant species, as identified in the following list, may be certified if the following requirements are met:
  - a. Area upon which the gravel/borrow material was mined, was treated to prevent seed formation or seed ripening to the degree that there is no danger of dissemination of the seed, or any injurious portion thereof from such noxious weeds, or undesirable plant species, or the propagating parts of the plant are not capable of producing a new plant.
  - b. Noxious seed(s) or undesirable plant species were treated not later that rosette to bud stage, or boot stage for grass species.
  - c. Treatment method can include but is not limited to: 1) burning, 2) mechanical methods, or 3) chemicals.
5. An inspection certificate shall document that the above requirements have been met based upon a reasonable and prudent visual inspection.

**Minimum Guidelines for gravel/borrow material inspections:**

The inspector will follow the following inspection procedures:

1. The entire border shall be walked or driven.
2. All storage areas, gravel/sand piles shall also be inspected and meet the standards.
3. Around all equipment, crushers, and working areas must be inspected to meet the standards.
4. Areas shall be inspected twice in the growing season.

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