

Regulatory Themes and Organizing Principle

This document can be used as an organizing principle on how to understand the documents in this packet.

These seven words and phrases describe the kinds of regulation, or non-regulation, that comes from my research into agencies and regulations relating to frack sand mining in Iowa.

These seven words and phrases are also found in the articles discussing regulations, or lack there-of, in relation to the explosion of the plant in West, Texas.

See the articles in the packet for the practical effect of this type of regulation regime. It is eerie that the same words and phrases describing regulations appear in my research and in the news reports about the West, Texas explosion.

This is not about a particular industry. Rather, it is about the regulation of an industry, and the problems that can develop with this kind of regulation controlling an industry.

Similar words and phrasing:

1. Patchwork
2. No one overall agency
3. Complaint basis
4. Self regulation
5. Local officials lack expertise
6. Budgetary constraints – authority but no resources
7. Externalities

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