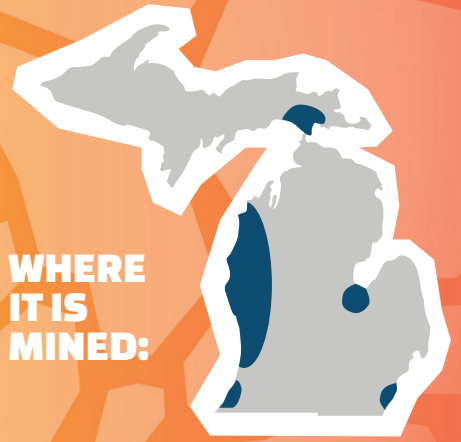


# SILICA SAND

WHERE  
IT IS  
MINED:



Silica Sand is quartz that over time has been broken down into tiny granules. In Michigan, Silica Sand is most commonly surface-mined in open pit operations. It is found nearly everywhere across the state, with most of the mining operations focused on the west coast near Lake Michigan.



**USES:** Glassmaking, metal casting/production, ceramics, water filtration, oil and glass drilling and construction. Silica is an industrial sand and is the primary component in a wide variety of building and construction products.

**COLOR:** Silica sand colors range from a white to tan to brown, depending on how much iron is mixed in.

**FUN FACT!** Did you know? Silica sand is made up of quartz. Quartz is the most common mineral in the Earth's crust.

