

**From:** [EP, Mining](#)  
**Subject:** Rock Hill Quarry update 12.23.19  
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Hello,

You are receiving this email from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) because you have expressed interest in the Rock Hill Quarry in East Rockhill Township, Bucks County.

**As of December 23, 2019, mining and related activities remain under a cessation order.**

On December 23, 2019, the attached letter was sent to Hanson Aggregates acknowledging that removal of the required minimum tonnage of minerals is precluded by DEP's December 5, 2018 order ceasing mining and rock crushing activities.

On December 18, 2019, DEP sent a second letter to Hanson, reminding them of the request made on September 20, 2019 to retest samples that were previously tested using different methods than that of DEP.

Both letters will be available on the project webpage:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SoutheastRegion/Community%20Information/Pages/Rock-Hill-Quarry-.aspx>

If you received this message from a friend and would like to be added to the list, please contact [RA-EPmining@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPmining@pa.gov) to be added.

Thank you for your continued interest in DEP's oversight of the Rock Hill Quarry.

Sincerely,

*John J. Stefanko*

John J. Stefanko | Deputy Secretary  
Active and Abandoned Mine Operations  
Department of Environmental Protection



December 23, 2019

Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania LLC  
Attn: Mr. Andrew Gutshall, P.G.  
7660 Imperial Way  
Allentown, PA 18195-1040

Re: Rock Hill Quarry December 5, 2018 Cessation Order  
Rock Hill Quarry Operation  
Surface Mining Permit No. 7974SM1  
East Rockhill Township, Bucks County

Dear Mr. Gutshall:

It is DEP's interpretation of applicable law, consistent with the purpose of the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act to prevent and eliminate hazards to public health and safety, that removal of the required minimum tonnage of minerals is precluded by DEP's December 5, 2018 order ceasing mining and rock crushing-sizing activities at the Rock Hill Quarry.

At such time that DEP makes a decision regarding the status of the ongoing cessation, it will evaluate the requirement that the permittee remove a minimum of 500 tons of minerals in the preceding calendar year in order to be considered an active operation.

This letter is neither an order nor any other final action of DEP. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to DEP under any of its statutes. If DEP determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 570.621.3118.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary A. Latsha". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gary A. Latsha  
District Mining Manager  
Bureau of District Mining Operations