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New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company
Attn: Ms. Christina Cursley
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Re: New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company (NHCS)
Large Noncoal Surface Mining Permit No. 7974SM3
Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Reclamation Activities
Solebury Township, Bucks County

Dear Ms. Cursley:

It appears to the Department that the information submitted as part of the CAP Monthly Report for the months of April and May 2017 does not accurately depict the reclamation activities for this referenced timeframe. On June 13, 2017, the Department met with NHCS to review the information reported and the method by which this information is gathered, calculated and presented in the monthly reports. The Department also discussed this issue with NHCS during recent telephone conversations.

During the June 13th meeting the Department discussed tracking, calculating and reporting the following items: (1) the number of days/hours working on reclamation, and the required yards/tons to be moved, (2) the number of days/hours working on stream restoration, (3) the number of days/hours working on road construction to access the west side of the quarry, (4) staging material along the top level to be used for reclamation, (5) the number of days/hours spent repositioning the perimeter fence to allow for berm reclamation and to ensure a secured site during reclamation activities, (6) calculation of yards/tons of berm material pushed over for highwall reclamation, (7) surveying to determine the current and final grade for the western highwall in order to determine if there is excess material available for reclamation fill in that area, (8) the number of inclement weather days, (9) reporting make-up reclamation volumes (yards/tons), and (10) the number of truck loads moved for reclamation.

Based on these discussions, the Department requests NHCS to submit revised CAP Monthly Reports for April 2017 and May 2017. These revised reports should accurately depict the time spent performing the following activities conducted at the quarry: reclamation, stream work, reclamation time associated with addressing the existing shortfall, MSHA-associated remediation work and what that work involved, as well as any other work performed in relationship to the items/areas listed in the second paragraph of this letter. Please submit the revised CAP Monthly Reports to the Department on or prior to June 21, 2017. Should NHCS fail to submit the revised CAP Monthly Report for the months of April 2017 and May 2017, the Department will base any future determinations and/or actions on the information previously submitted by NHCS.

Also, the Department has been somewhat understanding regarding NHCS's reporting of its inability to conduct reclamation activities due to inclement weather. However, in spite of the inclement conditions that have prevented NHCS from conducting reclamation activities, it

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appears that those conditions have not been so severe as to prevent NHCS from conducting mining operations. If NHCS is able haul rock from the pit and conduct crushing activities during reported inclement weather days, there is no reason that NHCS cannot conduct reclamation activities. The Department's expectation going forward is that NHCS shall cease reclamation activities at the quarry due to inclement weather only if the inclement weather similarly prevents NHCS from conducting active mining activities. Any haul road or haulage issues could and should be addressed by the construction and maintenance of adequate haulage roads.

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

Sincerely,



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