

July 7, 2023

To Whom it may Concern:

We are Don & Marilyn Miller and live at 420 Bossler Rd. Elizabethtown, Pa. The reason for this letter is to address concerns we have related to the proposed Expansion of the Pierson Rheems LLC Quarry.

We have not been opposed to this expansion realizing the need for the raw materials that a quarry provides, and being that there is already a quarry in operation at this site, it only makes sense that they expand since the limestone is there.

That being said, the DEP and Pierson have a significant responsibility to make sure the expansion proceeds safely and within all state and local regulations and with the commitment to do all they can to be a good neighbor in the community around them.

A few concerns we have relating to the quarry and possible expansion:

1. Our neighbors on either side of our property have had well issues within the past year. Each of them have lived at their properties for decades, never having any water issues before this time. Pierson paid all costs for the deepening of their wells. Pierson has contacted us with instructions to notify them if we have any water issues. So far, we have not had any issues. Our heating and cooling system is a geothermal pump and dump heat pump. We draw from one well and return to another well. For this system to operate, we need to have a good strong water supply. Our concern is – if that supply is interrupted, we will have no heat or cooling. Is there something in writing that would require Pierson to cover all the cost of us switching to another type of heat system should this happen (as well as covering the cost of the well). Or would they want to pay to switch us to another system now to avoid any future issues. This is of great concern to us and we do not feel we should have to pay for something the quarry caused or might cause. We would request that Pierson be required to put in writing an agreement to this effect, making it an official mandate that they would correct anything caused by water issues due to the operation and expansion of the quarry. Also, we would request this agreement would stay with our property in the case of future sales & transactions of the property. Without this agreement and with the threat of future water issues, our property would lose value to any prospective buyers.
2. Our other area of concern – we would hope that you could address with the quarry the aesthetic impact it has on the community. As residents of this community and township, we are expected to keep our properties tidy and cleaned up so as not to be an eyesore. As the quarry (Pierson) claims to want to be a good neighbor – part of being a good neighbor is doing what they can to keep their property sightly. As far as we can see, they have not done anything to this effect. Many other quarries in the county are at least fenced and have a buffer of trees around the property to give a safer and more sightly appearance to the community. We feel the multi-million-dollar Pierson Company could easily afford to do this and more. This would go a long way toward being a good neighbor within our community.

Thank you so much for your time and for addressing these few requests we have.

Sincerely,
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PS: We'd appreciate a response to these concerns via phone call, letter or an email at

[REDACTED] - Thanks!