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IN RE: Pierson Rheems Application for Surface Mine
Permit and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System Discharge Permit

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PUBLIC MEETING

BEFORE: John Repetz, Chair
Mike Cutney,
Tiffany Folk
Ross Clock

HEARING: February 21, 2024
6:02 p.m.

LOCATION: Rheems Fire Department
350 Anchor Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

WITNESSES: Carl Hoss, Meredith Glazier, Paul Rouse,
Patricia Longenecker, Christie Hamilton, Monkia Noll,
Tyler Case, Robert Ricedorf, Beth Molloy, Roger
Greenawalt, Dawn Frizzell

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CHAIR REPETZ: Okay, everyone, being a minute after 6:00, it's time to get started.

Good evening. Welcome to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's public hearing regarding the Pierson Rheems LLC's applications for a Surface Mine Permit and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Discharge Permit through Pierson Rheems Quarry.

My name is John Repetz. I am the Community Relations Manager for DEP's South Central Regional Office in Harrisburg and I'll be conducting this hearing on behalf of the staff of DEP Pottsville District Mining Office. I am joined by Mike Cutney, Tiffany Folk, and Ross Clock.

On behalf of DEP, I would like to thank the Rheems Fire Department for allowing us to use their facility here this evening. Earlier this evening DEP conducted a public meeting to provide information on the permit applications and answer questions about the permit review process. We will now move into the formal public hearing portion.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive formal testimony from you, the public, on the

1 permit applications. All comments this evening will
2 be recorded by a court reporter. A transcript of this
3 proceeding will be created and will become part of
4 the official public record.

5 The application are available for
6 public review at the Lancaster County Conservation
7 District located at 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 200,
8 Lancaster, PA 17601. That's during regular business
9 hours at 07:30 a.m. To 04:00 p.m. Monday through
10 Friday.

11 As you enter this evening, those
12 wishing to present testimony were asked to sign up.
13 Speakers will be called in the order in which they
14 did sign up and we ask everyone to observe a five
15 minute time limit to ensure that everyone who wishes
16 to, will have an opportunity to speak. We ask
17 everyone speaking to be respectful of that five
18 minute time limit.

19 Relinquishing time to other
20 individuals will not be allowed and we ask you to
21 please be concise and stay to the point. After those
22 that had signed up had an opportunity to speak, time
23 permitting, we will then open the floor to anyone
24 else who may wish to provide additional testimony. We
25 did list the end time for this event as 08:00. It may

1 end earlier if everyone who wishes to speak has
2 spoken.

3 In addition to this evening's
4 testimony, DEP will also accept written comments on
5 the applications. Written comments will be accepted
6 until March 7th of 2024 and can be submitted to R-A,
7 hyphen E-P-, Pottsville D-M-O at P-A.Gov.

8 The staff here at DEP will not be
9 responding to comments or questions at this time. DEP
10 will consider all comments in the review of the
11 applications before making final decisions. All
12 comments and questions presented orally here tonight
13 or in written form will receive equal consideration
14 and will be addressed in a public comment response
15 document.

16 We ask everyone to please be
17 respectful of those in attendance this evening and
18 refrain from talking when others are speaking. It
19 will make it easier for everyone to hear what is
20 being said. It will make it easier for the court
21 reporter to record an accurate account for the
22 transcription.

23 So when your name is called, we ask
24 you to please come forward. Here, I'll hand you the
25 microphone. We ask you to start by stating your name

1 and then spelling it for the court reporter to ensure
2 the accuracy of the transcription.

3 So with that we will begin. And the
4 first name on the list is Carl Haas.

5 MR. Haas: I would ask for just a
6 little bit longer than 5 minutes because I have to
7 stop for air. My name is Carl Haas. I live at 336
8 Bossler Rd.

9 Eight months ago in May of last year,
10 the Pierson Quarry in Rheems -. In May of last year,
11 Pierson Quarry Rheems caused my well to go dry.
12 Pierson never notified me or my neighbors of their
13 liability. If I would have a well problem it was more
14 or less kept a secret.

15 Consequently, a third party was always
16 required for Pierson to take action to resolve the
17 well problem. Two wells have been affected within the
18 last two years. DEP required Pierson to drill my well
19 deeper. But the water is contaminated. Now, something
20 from bacteria which I have, is like an unparallel of
21 different germs and bacteria. According to the Center
22 for Disease Control I quote, if coliform, if the
23 total coliform count is high, then it is very
24 possible that harmful germs like viruses, bacteria
25 and parasites might also be found in the water.

1 DEP investigated for eight months and
2 after three failed water tests showed the coliform
3 bacteria. I still have no drinkable water.

4 DEP is reviewing their decision. If
5 they're not in my favor I will then have to appeal to
6 the Environmental Resource Board. But I'm hoping
7 their reconsideration will find Pierson liable for
8 not getting a pure water according to code. Here's
9 the code. Pennsylvania Title 25, section 77.533. The
10 operator of a design coal mine which affects by
11 surface mining activities in public or private water
12 supply by contamination, interruption or diminution
13 shall restore or replace the effected supply with a
14 source of water adequate in quantity and quality for
15 the purpose of which it is served.

16 And for my purpose of course, it is
17 human consumption. Where did the bacteria come from?
18 And something the Penn State Water resources told me,
19 my whole case can be the problem because deepening
20 the well can cause ground seals or the casing to
21 become loose underground and chloroform bacteria can
22 follow the casing all the way down to the water
23 supply.

24 The quarry does not accept
25 responsibility for my contaminated water. Pierson

1 offered me \$3,500 as a neighborly gesture, so they
2 wouldn't have to line up for responsibility of
3 filing. But I refused the offer because that is a
4 fraction of my expenses, which amount over \$11,000,
5 \$4,267 in purification equipment, \$3,800 in
6 maintenance over the next ten years. According to
7 estimates I received from IMCA, \$3,000 minimum in
8 daily doctor report provides that I must take figured
9 over the next ten years that I must take during -
10 because of drinking purified water that kills even
11 good bacteria. I am not even telling the damage from
12 decreased real estate value because I have checked
13 with that agent yet.

14 Let me end by saying, that activity at
15 the Quarry did not contaminate my well. But rather RE
16 Pierson failed to replace my drinking water with an
17 alternative source fit for human consumption as
18 required by the code I read earlier. Thank you.

19 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you. Next on the
20 list is Meredith Glavier.

21 COURT REPORTER: I need your name
22 address, spell please. Go ahead.

23 MS. GLAZIER: Meredith Glazier.
24 M-E-R-E-D-I-T-H-G-L-A-Z-I-E-R. I have two like short
25 questions that you guys can answer. There are two

1 homes within a quarter mile of the quarry that have
2 geothermal systems which utilize wells. It's making
3 sure that those wells would be treated same as
4 drinking water wells if they were impacted. People
5 can't go for months without heating or air
6 conditioning.

7 And also in your quarry and water
8 supply frequently asked question sheets that you pass
9 out within your district at meetings like this, it
10 says if a restored or replaced water supply operation
11 and maintenance costs that exceed the cost associated
12 with the original supply, the mining company is
13 responsible to provide permanent payments of the
14 increased cost. And I'm just wondering why this is
15 not the case for Carl? And will this be the case for
16 future homeowners as well?

17 The main crux of my speech in 2019,
18 DEP and USGS conducted PFAS Statewide. The results
19 were released in 2021. Every surface water location
20 sampled in northwest Lancaster County contains PFAS.
21 PFAS is per and poly fluoroalkyl substances, that are
22 forever emerging contaminated.

23 Every surface water location sampled
24 in northwest Lancaster County contains PFAS, some at
25 very high levels. Elizabethtown landfill, a superfund

1 site behind the municipal building, was called out as
2 potential regional source of PFAS. So it's not that
3 far away. Also, the PFAS contamination can also, with
4 the firefighting boom in this area.

5 In December of 2022, EPA issued
6 guidance to states to issue NDSP storm water permits
7 on their behalf. Pennsylvania is one of those states
8 instructing that if there is reason to spec PFAS
9 contamination, then the sampling protocol for the
10 permit has to include PFAS sample. The draft NPDS
11 permit for Rheems Quarry prepared by popular mining
12 district and released for public comment in the
13 spring of 2023, did not include PFAS.

14 Neighbors against Rheems quarry
15 expansion, which is our local neighborhood group,
16 sampled with PFAS in the vicinity of the quarry in
17 March of 2022.

18 Two surface water samples, one to the
19 southwest, one to the southeast of the quarry, were
20 sampled along with an untreated well water sample
21 down the stream of the quarry. Levels exceeding PAVE.
22 Maximum contaminant levels were detected to the
23 southwest. Both surface samples exceed that the EPA
24 proposed MCL of four parts per trillion, which is
25 just infinite to a fault. It's like ---. Basically,

1 EPA is saying any PFAS is bad. Groundwater was not
2 detected for PFAS. This mirrors the findings of
3 PAPE's peace 2019 report. PFAS is in the surface
4 water, but not yet in groundwater in this area.
5 Dewatering two to 3 million gallons of water a day
6 from the west and south will rapidly transport that
7 contaminant to the groundwater. This is what the
8 expansion project proposes.

9 Approximately 80 rentals exist in 1
10 mile radius of the quarry. The residents are now
11 living in fear of not only running out of water from
12 home, but also having cancer causing chemicals
13 introduced into their homes. Ag operations producing
14 hogs, beef, milk, chickens, all utilizing all water
15 to feed those animals could make those products
16 unsellable.

17 Article one, Section 27 of the PA
18 Constitution states that the people have the right to
19 clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the
20 natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the
21 environment. Trustees of article one, which includes
22 the state as well as the municipality, have a
23 mandatory obligation to refrain from permitting the
24 degradation, domination or depletion of public
25 natural resources. Groundwater instruments are public

1 natural resources, even if they're being accessed
2 from a private property.

3 Granting permits taking into account
4 the potential for PFAS contamination in wells and
5 releases of surface water through deep watering
6 activities, and mitigating for all those impacts
7 violates article one, section 27 of the PA
8 Constitution, and also PA statute Chapter 28, section
9 3208, the non-coal mining, Conversion and Reclamation
10 Act, which requires quarry operations not cause any
11 water contamination.

12 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you Meredith.
13 Next is Paul Rouse.

14 MR. ROUSE: Paul. P-A-U-L Rouse.
15 R-O-U-S-E. Just checking was that -. My name is Paul
16 Ross, my wife Candace sitting over there and I live
17 at 1610 Landis Road, Mount Joy which is a 50 acre
18 small holding farm. Directly downstream from this
19 proposed mine. And by downstream, I mean that if it
20 rains on this 30 acres, whatever doesn't sink into
21 the ground will flow through my property into Donegal
22 Creek and down into the bay.

23 What concerns me most about this
24 proposed mine is sink holes. As you saw in that
25 picture it's in the limestone cuts, my property. And

1 I heard from one of the residents who've been here
2 for a long time. The old house on our farm, which is
3 234 years old, built in 1790, was one of the original
4 king's land grabs. I'm not sure if that's true, but
5 that's what they say. Certainly, 29 years after
6 Michael Gross built the old house, he built the new
7 house, which was in 1819, and that has a dry laid
8 foundation on stone.

9 As I said, it's on the excess shale
10 limestone, and I'm worried that the dewatering
11 proposed by the mine will cause the cost to get holes
12 in it, and we could have sinkholes. Now, that worries
13 me, because these are two of the oldest buildings in
14 the area, and they're pretty historic.

15 In fact, when my stepson tried to
16 build, did build a house on part of our property in a
17 different township, East Donegal Township, which is
18 just across the road. One of the conditions of his
19 building was that he wouldn't adversely affect the
20 best example of federal architecture in the area,
21 which is our new house.

22 If there were to be a sinkhole that
23 would damage the building, it would be quite an
24 embarrassment to find that it was caused by an avert
25 act by a department with protection in its name. I

1 tried to tell you, think on insurance. I thought that
2 would be an easy thing. You can't get sinkhole
3 insurance. There's no such thing. Apparently, what is
4 sold as sinkhole insurance is fix the building after
5 you fix the hole insurance.

6 So the hole has to be plugged and
7 stabilized at the homeowners or the property owners
8 expense. And that could be incredibly expensive, 100
9 foot deep hole. Could be. I don't know how many
10 triaxle loads of fill it would be. Plus, you got to
11 stabilize it.

12 So what I ask you is, if you decide
13 that, notwithstanding these good people, local
14 objection to the mine, if you decide to give the
15 permit anyway, please, could you put a condition in
16 there that shifts the onus on proving whose fault,
17 the dewatering or the sinkhole, the mine, the welfare
18 and dryers, from us. Because there's no ways we could
19 ever prove that we know that.

20 To the mine, to prove that it wasn't
21 them. It would be a lot easier for those of us who
22 can't afford to spend hundreds of tens of thousands
23 of dollars trying to go against these people with
24 deep pockets. We'd really appreciate that if you
25 could do that. Thank you.

1 CHAIR REPEZ: Thank you, Paul.

2 Next is Patricia Longenicker.

3 MS. LONGENECKER: Patricia

4 Longenecker. P-A-T-R-I-C-I-A-L-O-N-G-E-N-E-C-K-E-R.

5 Berry Patch Farm Turnpike Road, West Donegal

6 Township.

7 To follow up with what Meredith
8 shared. From our constitution as trustees of these
9 resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and
10 maintain for the benefit of all people. Our state has
11 an opportunity to reduce effects on both issues and
12 commit to making residents welfare and well-being a
13 priority in denying expansion of this quarry.

14 Physical threats are obvious, as we've
15 heard this evening. Groundwater contamination,
16 structural damage to tax paying residents homes,
17 dust, pollutant, emissions. The town of Rheems needs
18 Government to respect their property rights, not
19 award them with mitigation repair systems after
20 damage has denied them fair market price on their
21 investments.

22 I thank DEP reps' for coming and
23 sharing with these good people. We represent quite a
24 composite of Lancaster County, of our heritage, of
25 doing well justly for each other.

1 I am hopeful, with the new attitudes
2 in Harrisburg in DEP, under a new Governor, that we
3 can see change continue. This is the beginning
4 tonight that DEP would have reached out to all of us
5 who can be impacted by decision making in Harrisburg
6 and elsewhere.

7 So thank you from all of us. I'm sure
8 that you have come to show interest in our welfare
9 and our future here. So thank you and thank you to
10 all of you who have stayed course. This is a nice
11 representation tonight. You all could have been home
12 doing something else with family, and you came here.
13 So it's important that we show who we are, the
14 hardworking people who built this community and want
15 to keep it. Thank you.

16 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you, Patricia.
17 Next is Christie Hamilton.

18 MS. HAMILTON: Christie.
19 C-H-R-I-S-T-I-E. Hamilton. H-A-M-I-L-T-O-N. Thank
20 you.

21 So, as you already heard, we have a community here
22 that has been suffering related to the quarry. I am
23 going to officially ask, on behalf of myself, who
24 lives right on Donovan Drive in West Donovan
25 Township, and behalf of the community that is here,

1 that we ask that you do not approve the pending
2 applications.

3 For my house itself, I have cracks in
4 my foundation. I have cracks in my walls. I have
5 called about when the blasts occur and they knock
6 pictures off of my wall. I don't think that it is
7 pitting, spanning the quarry is going to help us into
8 any of those areas. Let alone the water supply, which
9 we are all very worried about.

10 The value of the homes. How do I sell
11 my home when I have a quarry that's expanding and we
12 have all these issues, the sinkhole, et cetera.

13 I need you to hear us. I need you to
14 see that the community is here. We have filled West
15 Donegal Township meetings to the guild with our
16 community, stating against any expansion of this
17 quarry. But yet we are still here. And we need a
18 voice and we need somebody to support us because we
19 are violating codes, as you heard earlier.

20 And we are struggling as a small
21 community to survive here where we love. We came here
22 because we love the area. Rheem school is no longer
23 however, our Milton Hershey has now bought that
24 school and is going to be putting little children
25 there. We need to make sure they have safe water to

1 drink. We need to make sure the school is okay and is
2 not affected by the blast thing.

3 We can't afford to have more expansion
4 and more blasts. So please help us. Please support
5 us. And I am asking with all heart intent, but we are
6 also violating codes that we do not accept these
7 applications. Thank you.

8 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you, Christie.
9 Next is Monika Noll.

10 MS. NOLL: Monica, M-O-N-I-K-A. Noll.
11 N-O-L-L. I wanted to thank the representatives from
12 DEP, being here 3 hours is quite a long time. As well
13 as everybody who came today. The mission statement of
14 the Department of Environmental Protection Mission is
15 to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from
16 pollution and to provide for the health and safety of
17 its citizens through a cleaner environment. We will
18 work as partners with individuals, organizations,
19 governments and businesses to prevent pollution and
20 restore our natural resources.

21 In my opinion, further expansion of
22 the quarry does not meet any of the elements within
23 the mission statement. You've heard concerns about
24 water quality, wells, foundations. I don't have a
25 well, fortunately. I have foundation issues. We have

1 cracks in our foundations that we did not have prior
2 to Pierson coming into the community. We've heard
3 concerns about property value. Sinkhole.

4 We have a huge sinkhole on High
5 Street. It's not included in your map. It's actually
6 a little bit further down. I'm told, well, there's
7 not much of an impact because it's further away from
8 Rheems, but it's not further away from us. It's not
9 further away from Bossler Road.

10 I just have extreme concerns about the
11 neighborhood that the quarry has. I understand from
12 the 05:00 to 06:00 session that once it's approved
13 through the zoning, rezoning process that it's kind
14 of like out of everybody else's hands. But I don't
15 think it is based upon your mission statement. And I
16 would ask you to please reconsider the expansion
17 based upon what your mission statement is and the
18 concerns of our community. Thank you.

19 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you. Next is
20 Tyler Case.

21 MR. CASE: Tyler Case. T-Y-L-E-R-C-A-
22 S-E. I'm a new resident to Elizabethtown. I'm here
23 basically to tell two brief stories. When I came
24 across this issue it immediately spoke to me.

25 Water is arguably one of the most

1 undervalued, invaluable resources we have. When it is
2 screwed up, it is screwed up for a long, long time.
3 It can happen due to any number of circumstances. My
4 parents moved their dream home. They have installed
5 not one, not two, but three wells. And they still
6 have dry runs and are out of water, just by natural
7 circumstances alone.

8 My sister moved to the country. They
9 are fighting with a drilling company for oil. Her
10 water has contaminated. She cannot use it, cannot
11 drink it. When they wash their clothes, their clothes
12 are staining with oil. This is a scenario that you
13 hear time and time again. It isn't a matter of if, it
14 is a matter of when.

15 The risks do not outweigh the rewards.
16 If this is allowed to happen, we will be the fools. I
17 moved here. I did not buy a home with a well. I'm not
18 unaffected by this. If it gets into the aquifer and
19 damages the water, we're all screwed. Thank you.

20 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you. Next is
21 Robert Ricedorf.

22 MR. RICEDORF: Thank you. Robert Rice.
23 R-I-C-E-D-O-R-F.

24 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

25 MR. RICEDORF: Okay. 206 Colebrook

1 Road.

2 COURT REPORTER: Okay.

3 MR. RICEDORF: Okay. My wife and I,
4 Carolyn, we live at 206 Colebrook Rd. And I'm just
5 about a lifelong resident of the village of Rheems.
6 Other than the time that my wife and I lived in
7 Elizabethtown to a higher education. I'm going to
8 talk about the community, healthy community.

9 We heard a lot about expenses, damage,
10 so forth and so on. And we got a blessing here. Right
11 before the end of the year, we got the Catherine
12 Hershey Children's School of Learning moved,
13 purchased the former Rheems Elementary School and we
14 want to keep them here. Because we're all very
15 concerned what was going to happen with the former
16 school.

17 In addition to that, we have a 392,000
18 square foot warehouse being built right next to the
19 quarry that has utilities for refrigeration. That's
20 confirmed. I confirmed that. It can be refrigeration
21 for sections of the warehouse. It can be
22 refrigeration for the entire warehouse, but it will
23 have utilities for that. So that deals with
24 pneumonia. So that's obviously a concern.

25 So what I want to recommend here and

1 request, and I don't know who all the parties will be
2 involved in this. But I am requiring and requesting
3 as a resident, that set amount of money is put in
4 escrow for a period of time. I don't know what that
5 set amount of money is. If this gets approved. If
6 this gets approved there needs to be a set amount of
7 money put in escrow. And a third party manager for
8 the damages that could occur and probably will occur.

9 Because if history has any prediction
10 of the future, we're going to have problems with
11 these wells, because this expansion is expanding out
12 towards private wells. So we are going to probably
13 have more additional well problems. So my requirement
14 request is that an escrow account be established. A
15 sizable amount of money be put in escrow, held in
16 there for a period of time, decided among the parties
17 involved to protect these people in the event that
18 Carl Haas, as he stated, said that he has \$12,000
19 worth of expenses right now. And Pierson Quarry is
20 only willing to give up \$3,500.

21 And to stop the debating and the
22 arguments about who pays what, how much, so forth. We
23 know these problems were created by the quarry. And
24 the quarry, with DEP and the township officials
25 should be involved with this also, set aside a

1 certain amount of money in escrow to protect the
2 community of this village of Rheems. Thank you.

3 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you Robert. That
4 brings us to the end of the list of those who had
5 signed up and wished to speak at this time.

6 Does anyone else wish to offer any
7 testimony this evening? Certainly come forward
8 please.

9 MS. MOLLOY: My name is Beth Molloy.
10 Last name M-O-L-L-O-Y. I live just on the other side
11 of Rheems Elementary which now going to be the new
12 elementary school.

13 I started working from home just about
14 five years ago. When I first did that, I was home to
15 a lot of the blasting. And for years, I would start
16 to feel these blasts. They got, at times,
17 progressively worse. I documented, like for weeks on
18 end. On a scale one to ten. I would say within the
19 last two years, there were times where it was beyond
20 a ten. I literally jumped up. I thought there's a gas
21 explosion in my house. To the point where I had to
22 call the township and explain that did something just
23 happen that I need to call 911, like, what's going
24 on?

25 I felt my whole house was shaking.

1 They put me to the DEP. We had somebody come out to
2 an evaluation. They said that it was at that time,
3 within the legal ramifications of that it was okay.

4 However, since I have been in this
5 town, probably a little less than 20 years, I see
6 cracks in my foundation, in my basement as well. I
7 also have had to have repairs in my drywall done to
8 the point where when that last thing happens, we're
9 going to have to get another drywall person in to
10 repair that again.

11 So I wanted to concur with some of the
12 things that Mr. Ricedorf was saying. Said if we
13 cannot, if the vote continues to go through there
14 needs to be some type of financial bucket of money
15 that is set aside where, when there are situations
16 like mine or others here with wells and water issues,
17 as well as other damages that can occur. That there
18 is some place that we can go to say, this is what
19 happened, we need to have something corrected, and
20 there needs to be a financial compensation for that.

21 So I just wanted to let you know that
22 I'm very close to the quarry, and it is very
23 disheartening to see what's happening to our town.
24 And I realize sometimes things I can't control to
25 stop it. I have come to these types of meetings for

1 goodness, since they started years ago. So I do thank
2 you for your time tonight. I just wanted to share
3 kind of my experience with my own house. And, yeah,
4 just let you know that it's for real and it's not
5 pleasant.

6 So, Thank you.

7 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you Beth. Anyone
8 else wish to offer testimony? Yes, sir. Please.

9 MR. GREENAWALT: Thank you. My name is
10 Roger Greenawalt. I live right here on Harrisburg
11 Avenue. And just like she has said.

12 COURT REPORTER: Please spell that.

13 MR. GREENAWALT: Yes, it's
14 Green A-W-A-L-T. Just like she had said, I had the
15 same problem. Over time, my wife did the same thing.
16 It's a loud boom house rattles and same thing. We had
17 cracks in our walls, and there were apparently bad.
18 Same thing, DEP came out and said those measurements
19 were within the legal.

20 But anyway, that's one thing. The
21 other thing is I had a sinkhole open up two years ago
22 close to my house. I had no clue that the party is
23 responsible, that's why I found out afterwards when
24 this meeting came up. But I got to repair myself and
25 got the engineer to qualify to make sure that it was

1 done right. So there were \$2,000 that came out of my
2 pocket. Afterwards, we started with this here. I
3 found out that they were responsible for any of the
4 sinkholes in the zone. So that came out of my pocket.
5 And I had contact with DEP and they got in contact
6 with them. But I'm not getting any endorses as far as
7 I know. Cause they said once I've done it, I can care
8 for it myself. So that's the only thing. Want
9 more sinkholes? If open up yet, so it'll be at my
10 cost Thank you.

11 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you, Roger.
12 Anyone else?

13 MS. NOLL: I'm back. Monika Noll.
14 I forgot to say something or a question? We've just
15 heard, but we have heard at our board of supervisor
16 meetings in the township about the MS four project.
17 And I think I'll do some research. And you may know
18 this, I know you can't answer it now. But there's
19 been a lot of work done by charity in this township
20 regarding the MS four project. And I'm just
21 wondering, with all these pollutants that we've heard
22 about tonight, if that will negatively impact the
23 money that's being spent on MS four projects in our
24 area and surrounding communities.

25 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you for that

1 additional information.

2 Anyone else? Last chance. Going once.
3 Twice. Okay, just a couple of reminders. Written
4 comments will be accepted until March 7th. Some of
5 you may have brought the written comments with you
6 this evening. If you did, please drop them off. We
7 will accept them before you leave this evening.

8 Last chance. All the comments.

9 PUBLIC MEMBER: Just a quick question,
10 All the comments we said before are all still
11 connected, right?

12 PUBLIC MEMBER: Absolutely.

13 CHAIR REPETZ: All comments are taken
14 into consideration orally tonight or written
15 previously submitted or yet to be submitted. It will
16 all be under review.

17 PUBLIC MEMBER: Going forward. What is
18 the timeline?

19 CHAIR REPETZ: This is a hearing. We
20 don't really respond to any questions regarding the
21 topic.

22 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay.

23 CHAIR REPETZ: This isn't the forum
24 for that to happen. Okay. They might be able to
25 answer your question afterwards, but not during the

1 official proceeding. Okay?

2 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yep.

3 CHAIR REPETZ: Wish to speak?

4 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, hold on a second.

5 Can I stay here?

6 CHAIR REPETZ: Better with a

7 microphone.

8 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. Christie

9 Hamilton. What I would encourage you to do is what I
10 would ask, and I'm sure the community would welcome
11 it. Is you should come and you should visit, and you
12 should see the foundation, the cracks, the sinkholes,
13 the well thing, the well water.

14 You should come into the community and
15 you should go door by door, and you should talk to
16 each and every one of us, because all of us could be
17 here tonight. But I can tell you that in this
18 surrounding community, you will hear everyone say
19 that we are not for expansion of a quarry. And so if
20 you don't have to take my word for it, but you need
21 to come talk to the community. Because this is
22 important and this is a big deal. And I moved here
23 for my children, and a lot of other people did, too.
24 And this is what we have to deal with and we
25 shouldn't have to. Thank you.

1 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you.

2 MS. LONGENECKER: Off the subject of
3 quarry, I want you to understand there's a movement
4 foot FNM props. People of science, we've gathered
5 together, Lancaster county people, and we are
6 beginning to assess this kind of situation with
7 particulate monitors. So that at the site, for
8 example, here in Rheems, if we got them established
9 at your homes, it would measure what is happening in
10 the hour. It's all done electronically computerized.

11 So if anyone would like to be part of
12 this, we installed one at my place, and I'm going to
13 be helping get some established. So my phone number,
14 you want to write it down? It's Patty Longenecker.
15 And it's 717-367-2405. And I would gladly work for
16 any of you to have that installed at your home. And
17 there is proof of what is happening as it occurs.
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you. Yes, Ma'am.

20 MS. FRIZZELL: My name is Dawn D-A-W-N
21 Frizzell. F-R-I-Z-Z-E-L-L. I just want to thank Carl
22 for all his support and everything he has said.

23 But a lot of us showed up at the
24 zoning board meeting before this was even approved.
25 And not one of us voted yes with us. It was the

1 zoning board. They were the ones responsible for this
2 and moved everything forward.

3 So I appreciate you guys coming, and I
4 really hope that you take the time and listen to the
5 comments.

6 CHAIR REPETZ: Thank you Dawn. Yes,
7 Carl.

8 MR. HAASS: I don't know what the
9 solution is. I would say the DEP-. I think because a
10 lot of these problems, most of them are unprovable.
11 Now, the foundation cracks, the sinkholes, the
12 contamination, it's theoretical.

13 Did my contamination come from
14 farmland? Did it come from the well head? Did it come
15 from a fall in the rock structure? Which the fellow
16 from Penn State said it is a possibility.

17 So given the fact that a lot of things
18 are theoretical, I would ask DEP to have some kind of
19 influence, to take that out of the equation to -.
20 When there's an issue of license, you might say if
21 you're in a zone of influence and you have a crack in
22 your foundation within a certain period of time after
23 plastic or if water is contaminated, if the person
24 has no record of contamination on their site, it's
25 automatically falls back on the quarry.

1 And secondly, well, like Bob said, an
2 escrow count would be a second thing. And thirdly, I
3 would like DEP to have some kind of a time limit
4 somehow enforceable so that a condition mine doesn't
5 go on for eight months to a year with no resolution.
6 It should be done in a reasonable amount of time.

7 CHAIR REPETZ: Okay. Thank you Carl.
8 And with that, we will conclude this evening's
9 hearing. I want to thank you for your attendance and
10 your participation in this event. Thank you very
11 much. And have a safe journey home this evening.
12 Thank you.

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14 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 6:49 P.M.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Chair Repetz, was reported by me on February 22, 2024 and that I, Derek Richmond, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Date the 14 day of February, 2024



Derek Richmond,

Court Reporter