

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) District Mining Operations, has received an application for a new large industrial minerals (noncoal) surface mining application from **Bishop Brothers Construction Company, Inc.** for the Minard Mine. The Permit Application Number is **08230301**. The application is to commence surface mining of sandstone and sand & gravel. The proposed mine expansion is located within Athens Township in Bradford County.

The proposed permit is near the Environmental Justice area of Athens Borough therefore the Moshannon District Mining office has scheduled a public information meeting concerning this application. The meeting will be held at the Athens Area High School Auditorium, 401 W Frederick St, Athens, PA 18810, on Monday July 31, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. Attendees may bring written comments to the meeting and give them to DEP staff, or they may make a verbal statement of no more than three (3) minutes duration at the meeting. DEP staff will be available at the meeting to answer general questions about the permit application.

Written comments will also be accepted until August 25, 2023 and should be sent to John Mital, Licensed Professional Geologist, Moshannon District Mining Office, via email at jmital@pa.gov or via mail to the Moshannon District Mining Office, 186 Enterprise Drive, Philipsburg, PA 16866.

Paper copies of the application are on file for public review at the Department of Environmental Protection, Moshannon District Office, 186 Enterprise Drive, Philipsburg PA 16866 or at the Athens Township Municipal Building, 45 Herrick Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840. An electronic copy of the application is available at <https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/North-central-Regional-Office/Community-Information/Pages/Minard-Mine.aspx>.