



August 23, 2024

Bucks County Office of the Commissioners
55 East Court Street, 5th Floor
Doylestown, PA 18901

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for recent letter your concern regarding the status of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) review and decision of the Rock Hill Quarry permit application.

Since 2017, DEP has received hundreds of comments from interested stakeholders including East Rock Hill Township residents, and their community, county, and state officials. In addition, DEP has received a substantial number of comments from Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance (REPA) and their consultant Dr. Bradley Erskine.

The DEP continues to give serious consideration to all comments from stakeholders and is in the process of developing the comment and response document that will establish a response on the many issues associated with the Rock Hill Quarry. In addition, DEP recently hired an environmental toxicologist who has been asked to review the background and documentation related to Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) at the Rock Hill Quarry and comment on the information related to toxicological and risk assessment concerns.

The DEP anticipates making a determination after all comments have been thoroughly addressed and is committed to being transparent with its review. The DEP wants to ensure it takes diligent consideration of the concerns of residents and health experts before making any determination regarding the future of quarry operations at the Rock Hill Quarry.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact Nate Houtz, Acting Deputy Secretary for Office of Active and Abandoned Mine Operations, by e-mail at nhoutz@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.9580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Shirley".

Jessica Shirley
Acting Secretary