



March 24, 2025

The Honorable Steven J. Santarsiero
Senate of Pennsylvania
Senate Post Office Box 203010
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010

Dear Senator Santarsiero:

Thank you for your comments regarding the status of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) review of the Rock Hill Quarry permit applications and the need for resolution of the future of the Rock Hill Quarry.

Since 2017, the Department has received hundreds of comments from interested stakeholders including East Rock Hill Township residents, and their community, county and state officials. In addition, the Department has received hundreds more comments from the grass roots organization Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance (REPA) and their consultant Dr. Bradley Erskine. The Department has given and continues to give serious consideration to comments from all stakeholders including the comments from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and is in the process of developing the comment and response document that will establish the Department's position on the many issues associated with the Rock Hill Quarry.

The activity-based sampling conducted at the Rock Hill Quarry was recommended by asbestos experts including, EPA, Dr. Erskine, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Moreover, the activity-based sampling, while limited in scope, was conducted in such a way to bias the results toward dusty conditions. The activity-based sampling mimics site activities proposed by the operator.

The Department has been transparent and will continue to take diligent consideration of the concerns of the residents and health experts, and we will maintain that practice before making any determination regarding the future of quarry operations at the Rock Hill Quarry.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact Taylor Nezat, Director of Legislative Affairs, by email at tnezat@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica L. Shirley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jessica Shirley
Acting Secretary