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October 9, 2020

Gary A. Latsha
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Pottsville District Mining Office
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**Re: 2020 Minimum Tonnage Abeyance
Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania LLC
Rock Hill Quarry
SMP No. 7974SM1
East Rockhill Twp., Bucks Co., PA**

Dear Mr. Latsha:

As we are all aware, mining and related activities remain under a cessation order at the Rock Hill Quarry. Considering the speed at which we are approaching the end of the calendar year 2020, Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania LLC (Hanson) is requesting the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental continue to hold in abeyance the annual minimum tonnage removal requirement for active mine operations due to the Department's December 5, 2018 order.

I have attached the Department's December 23, 2019 letter regarding the 2019 calendar year minimum tonnage removal for your reference. Please feel free to contact me at (610) 366-4819 should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Gutshall".

Andrew J. Gutshall, P.G.
Area Environmental Manager

encl: PADEP December 23, 2019 letter

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December 23, 2019

Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania LLC
Attn: Mr. Andrew Gutshall, P.G.
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Re: Rock Hill Quarry December 5, 2018 Cessation Order
Rock Hill Quarry Operation
Surface Mining Permit No. 7974SM1
East Rockhill Township, Bucks County

Dear Mr. Gutshall:

It is DEP's interpretation of applicable law, consistent with the purpose of the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act to prevent and eliminate hazards to public health and safety, that removal of the required minimum tonnage of minerals is precluded by DEP's December 5, 2018 order ceasing mining and rock crushing-sizing activities at the Rock Hill Quarry.

At such time that DEP makes a decision regarding the status of the ongoing cessation, it will evaluate the requirement that the permittee remove a minimum of 500 tons of minerals in the preceding calendar year in order to be considered an active operation.

This letter is neither an order nor any other final action of DEP. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to DEP under any of its statutes. If DEP determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 570.621.3118.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary A. Latsha". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gary A. Latsha
District Mining Manager
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