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Last February, on behalf of the residents of East Rockhill Township, we, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners, called on your offices to permanently close the operations at the Rockhill Quarry in Perkasio. In our February letter, we highlighted how the quarry, which saw minimal, if any, operations for decades, presents too great of a health risk to the surrounding community due to the presence of naturally occurring asbestos.

It has come to our attention that Hanson Aggregates PA, LLC requested another extension for responding to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) comments in an attempt to revise the scope of their current permit application. Because this extension request by Hanson is attempting to modify the scope of their current permit application, no extension should be granted by the DEP. The July 6, 2021 deadline for Hanson to respond to DEP comments should be honored.

We reiterate that the risks of quarry operations, which are well-known and established, are serious enough for the Commonwealth to deny an extension and permanently prohibit operations.

Sincerely,


Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Chair


Robert J. Harvie Jr., Vice Chair


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