



November 18, 2020

The Honorable Patrick McDonnell
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Secretary McDonnell,

Attached please find Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance's (REPA) response to PA DOH letter of September 16, 2020 addressed to you from Dr. Rachel Levine regarding the presence of Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) at the Rockhill quarry in East Rockhill, PA.

Now that all data requested has been submitted to PA DEP and PA DOH has weighed in with their recommendations, we ask that you work in partnership with Dr. Levine to permanently cease mining at the Rockhill Quarry. Due to the pervasiveness of NOA in the rock, the proximity of the quarry to a residential area and the dangerous risks posed to residents and the environment by mining a deadly carcinogen that cannot be avoided, we ask that PA DEP fulfill its duty to protect the community by honoring the call from numerous Legislators (at the local, state and federal levels), Environmental Groups and residents to permanently terminate operations at the Rockhill quarry.

Respectfully yours,

Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance, Inc.

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