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August 12, 2022

Ramez Ziadeh, Acting Secretary
PA Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Re: Rockhill Quarry Testing

Dear Acting Secretary Ziadeh:

I am writing today to express my concerns about the testing procedures being conducted by Hanson at the Rockhill Quarry. These testing procedures are a critical step in assessing the risk associated with activity at the Rockhill Quarry and I want to ensure the samples collected and the methodology used to evaluate the samples accurately depicts the risk at the quarry.

The first round of activity based sampling showed that the samples were collected over a 9 hour period, while the activity was only conducted during a 3 hour period. By collecting air samples for 3 hours prior to activity commencing, Hanson is effectively diluting the sample. To truly calculate asbestos concentrations during activity, sampling should be conducted shortly after activity begins and conclude shortly before activity ends.

Second, I respectfully request that testing reports utilize the generally understood term "asbestos" rather than amphibole fiber to ensure transparency in the reporting. While sampling results will include any amphibole particles, it is important for consumers of the results to be able to understand the findings using common language.

Finally, while I understand a project management staff is on site during all testing, I request that air quality personnel also be present at all testing as they are trained in the visible emissions method and can identify situations of increased risk before they become dangerous.

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While the quarry operations have been ceased for the past 3 years, the residents are anxious to have resolution on the future of the quarry. I appreciate that the DEP has requested that Hanson make every effort to complete this testing in a timely manner. Thank you for your consideration of these request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Santarsiero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "J".

Steven J. Santarsiero
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cc: REPA
East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Pennridge School District Board of Directors