

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION **BUREAU OF MINING PROGRAMS**

## INSPECTION REPORT

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Mine Name New Hope Quarry NONCOAL Weather Clear 55 F Complete ✓ Partial [ On Site Times 0930 TOWNSHIP Solebury PERMITTEE COUNTY PERMIT NO. **Bucks** New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Co. ☐ VIOLATIONS NOTED LICENSE NO. & EXP. DATE ADDRESS: PO Box 248 VIOLATION ☐ FOLLOW-UP INSP. REQUIRED HISTORY PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS: ☐ COMPLIANCE ORDER 1879 8/31/2019 New Hope PA 18938-0248 ☐ CORRECTED NOV'S ☐ FTC ORDER OPERATIONAL STATUS 3 CO'S ☐ UNCORRECTED ☐ CEASE ORDER Active **GENERAL MINING INFORMATON:** Small 10,000 2,000 Large 🗹 GP 105 🗌 GP 103 Expiration Date: a. Areas-Minerals-Pit Dimensions (L/W/H)-Method: Limestone open pit- ~2550' x ~1100' x ~315' b. Equipment-Use & Conditions: crushing/screening plants; FELs; haul trucks; track excavators; backhoe; water truck- good condition Contract Miner: Yes ☐ No ☑ Name: d. Approved Blast Plan: Yes ☑ No ☐ Is there blasting today? Yes ☐ No ☑ **Approved Acres** Approved Pit Volume Progress of Reclamation Liability Mining Area: 141 Support: yd3 acres Topsoiled **Current Bond** acres Water Impoundment: Acres Approved \$ 413,541.78 (paid in) Disturbed not planted: **Current Pit Volume** Acres Actual Affected acres Planted, Grasses yd3 **Current Liability** acres Selective Grading of Highwall Mining Area: 141 Support: Trees Required ac. Planted ac \$1,144,028.80 Disturbed not planted: vd3 Current: Meeting Stage 1 criteria: Approved: Highwall Bond (Blasting to achieve reclamation) Approved/Affected <20 ft.: >20<30 ft. ft. >30<40 ft. ft. ft. >40<50 ft. >50 ft. ft. ft. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS NONCOAL STANDARD PC or Reg. | Viol. | Comp. Date | Obs. STANDARD Obs. PC or Reg. Viol. Comp. Date 7 Unauthorized Mining Air Resources Protection Mining License Concurrent Reclamation Signs and Markers 1 Backfilling and Grading Topsoil-Rem/Storage/Handling 1 Revegetation П Effluent Standard 1 Haul Roads Diversions and Conveyance  $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ General Safety N/A Sediment Control Measures Permit Conditions Treatment Facilities Temporary Mining Cessation Sedimentation Ponds Distance Limitations-Barriers Ħ Discharge Structures 7 Bench Development Dams, Ponds-Design/Const./Maint. Permit Line Setback V Water Monitoring-Ground/Surface Stability Analysis Water Discharge-Underground Mine Blasting Requirement N/A COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: This complete inspection was conducted in the company of Mr. Rich Strouse (Plant Foreman). The blast reports are to be reviewed, corrected and printed by the blasting company. The Department will speak with Maine Drilling & Blasting about this issue. The primary, secondary and tertiary crushing/screening plants were running. One track excavator and one haul truck were working on the 4th level. One front-end loader was working in the stock area. One dozer was pushing material over the highwall in the SW corner near the inlet (Hendrickson contractor). More material was pushed over the SE wall along the haul road. I asked Mr. Strouse and Mr. Rodrigo (NHCS) to have the Furlong fault marked on the ground as soon as possible. Water level in the pit appeared to be the same as the previous inspection. One drill was working on the 4th level. Sinkholes from a complaint on Sugan Road were fixed by Hendrickson contractors. Mr. Hendrickson indicated that stream work should begin again next week (depending on weather). The discharge was clear. The operator is also reminded to have the 98 MSL level marked on the highwalls. The operator is reminded to submit the monthly truck count and estimated volume of material used for reclamation by the 5th of each month. The operator was reminded to have the reclamation hours and volumes in the quarterly report. The operator was reminded that reclamation work needed to continue as noted in items 2 and 3 in the Department letter dated January 29, 2016. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the January 29, 2016 letter will result in enforcement action. Violation History: CO issued 7/10/2017 - 25 Pa. Code §77.102(f)(1) & (2) and Section 11(b) of the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, 52 P.S. § 3311(b). Dept letter date: April 13, 2017. (GL) CO issued 8/26/2016- Subchapter E 77.102(f)(1) & (2) and Section 11(b) of the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act. CO issued 10/1/2015 - Section 7 (c)(5) and (10) of the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, 52 P.S. § 3307(c)(5) and (10). (GL) Person Contacted Discharge/Seeps: ☑ yes Samples Collected: ves ✓ no Plant Foreman Mr. Rich Strouse Range of Samples Collected to Signature Investigator Signature Collector ID No. 4519 Amiee Bollinger Employee ID No. 608058 The Operator's signature acknowledges that he has read the report, including the reverse side, and that he was given the opportunity to discuss

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☐ Yellow - Permittee

it with the investigator. The signature does not necessarily mean he agrees with the report.

☐ Pink - Inspector

## APPEAL NOTICE

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457. 717-787-3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800-654-5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal may be obtained from the Board. At 717-787-3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

Violations of performance standards on operations permitted prior to the effective date of the regulations promulgated pursuant to Act 219, the 1984 Noncoal SMCRA shall be cited as a violation of permit conditions and shall be designated as PC on the reverse side in the column headed by PC or Reg.

Violations of performance standards on operations permitted after the effective date of the regulations promulgated pursuant to Act 219, the 1984 Noncoal SMCRA shall be cited as a violation of the regulations.