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DEPARTMENT OF
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RE: Rockhill Quarry Testing

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the testing procedures being conducted by Hanson at the Rockhill Quarry in East Rockhill Township. In our June 16, 2021 letter to then PADEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell, the Commissioners highlighted what we viewed as health risks to residents if quarry operations resumed due to the presence of naturally occurring asbestos.

The flawed sampling methodology conducted by Hanson to gauge the level of asbestos should be corrected to accurately represent quarry activity. According to reports by East Rockhill Township, the sampling conducted by Hanson was diluted and not representative of the activity that was intended to be analyzed, half the monitors were not downwind of the activity, and humidity levels were not reported.

Before additional activity at the quarry is authorized, these flaws in Hanson's sampling methodology must be addressed. The Bucks County Commissioners are committed to the health and safety of its residents and will continue to monitor this situation closely.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Harvie Jr., Chair Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Vice Chair Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary