



September 23, 2022

The Honorable Craig T. Staats
145th Legislative District
PA House of Representatives
Room 412, Irvis Office Building
Post Office Box 202145
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010

Dear Representative Staats:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Activity Based Sampling Plan at the Rock Hill Quarry in East Rock Hill Township, Bucks County, PA and the testing procedures used during each step in the plan.

In your letter, you requested that the testing procedures be monitored by Air Quality personnel and project management staff during the activity-based testing and sampling and you requested that the testing reports be in plain language.

Air quality inspector on site during testing:

The Surface Mine Conservation Inspector and Air Quality personnel were present during the first round of activity-based sampling and will continue to observe sampling activities on the site when scheduled. You can find the Air Quality Inspector's June 1, 2022 report in the Air Quality Section at the very bottom of the Rock Hill Web Page. ¹

Plain language in testing reports:

It is the Department's practice to share the surveys, laboratory reports, and comment letters verbatim without modification of the data or comments presented. The Department has maintained this practice in its evaluation of the Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) presence at the Rock Hill Quarry. We will commit to looking for opportunities to improve the website to assist the public in better understanding the technical information when reviewing the reports that are posted.

The Department has been transparent and will continue to take diligent consideration of the concerns of the residents and health experts and we will maintain that practice before making any determination regarding the future of quarry operations at the Rock Hill Quarry.

Secretary

Should you have any additional questions, please contact Taylor Nezat, Acting Director of Legislative Affairs, by email at tnezat@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Sincerely,



Ramez Ziadeh, P.E.
Acting Secretary

¹https://files.dep.state.pa.us/RegionalResources/SERO/SEROPortalFiles/Community%20Info/RockHillQuarry/Hanson_East_Rockhill_Quarry_AQ_Sampling_Observation_2022.06.01.pdf