



January 28, 2022

The Honorable Steven Santarsiero  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
Senate Box 203010  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010

Dear Senator Santarsiero:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns regarding the permit review process at the Rock Hill Quarry operated by Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC (Hanson) in East Rock Hill Township.

Though there have been many delays, the information the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has been seeking is critical to our decision-making process. Mining activities at the site have been ceased since December 2018 and will remain so until the Department has the information we need to arrive at a decision regarding the fate of the quarry. With that in mind, we do not expect to issue more deficiency letters but may continue dialogue with Hanson as necessary to clarify details on the submitted information.

The Department is finalizing the details to have Hanson perform activity-based sampling, which is recommended by numerous experts and agencies including the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We will notify the community before any sampling events occur and post the results on the Department's Rock Hill website.

The Department has deferred action on Hanson's request to be exempt from removal of 500 tons of material from the quarry. As mentioned above, mining activities at the site are ceased. We will re-evaluate Hanson's request when the status of the ongoing cessation is resolved. If appropriate, enforcement action may be taken.

The Department has been, and will continue to be, transparent and deliberate with its decision-making at the Rock Hill Quarry. We will continue to consider the concerns of the surrounding community before making any determination regarding the future of quarry operations at the Rock Hill Quarry. Lastly, we will conduct community outreach to discuss this operation before a final action is taken on the permit application.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact Greg Kauffman, Director of Legislative Affairs, by email at [grekauffma@pa.gov](mailto:grekauffma@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick McDonnell", written in a cursive style.

Patrick McDonnell  
Secretary

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