

October 24, 2022

Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance, Inc. (REPA) 703 West Market Street Perkasie, PA 18944

Dear REPA members,

Thank you for your September 28, 2022 letter regarding the fire started by unauthorized trespassers at the Rock Hill Quarry in August 2022.

In your letter you cited a concern for the lack of security and safety measures on the Rock Hill Quarry Site. Hanson continues to implement site security and safety measures that include locked gates and contracted security surveillance services. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) understands that licensed vehicular access to the quarry property and DEP-permitted site is restricted by a locked gate at the entrance from North Rockhill Road and a locked gate on the gravel quarry road leading from Rock Hill Road. All other entrance to the site (including ATVs) may only be gained by a person or persons first obtaining permission from – or trespassing on and over – one or more adjacent property. Landowners of these adjacent properties include SEPTA, the Perkasie Borough Authority, and numerous private citizens. While we appreciate your concerns, DEP has no authority over the adjacent landowners and how they conduct security on their properties and DEP rules do not require security and safety measures beyond those which are currently being implemented at the Rock Hill Quarry Site.

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

Should you have any additional questions, please contact Randy R. Shustack, Pottsville District Mining Manager, by email at rshustack@pa.gov or by telephone at 570-621-3118.

Sincerely,

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