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The Honorable Ramez Ziadeh, P.E. PA Department of Environmental Protection Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Executive Deputy Secretary Ziadeh,

I write today regarding the lack of security and safety on site at the Rockhill Quarry. Recently, REPA has sent a letter expressing their concerns to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding the lack of adequate security and safety measures at Rockhill Quarry. As you are aware, the Quarry was broken into by teenagers riding ATV's on August 19th, 2022 where a subsequent fire broke out which resulted in over six local fire companies along with numerous police officers that responded to the scene.

Beyond this incident, it has been reported that individuals have entered the quarry area site on several other occasions with ATV's. According to the EPA, ATV's generate a significant amount of dust and particulate matter when being used and as a result, ATV use in the quarry has been releasing harmful particulate matter and asbestos into our community.

It is clear that in order to protect our residents from the potential harm the quarry could cause to our community, additional safety and security measures must be taken at the quarry.

Given this information, I strongly urge full and fair consideration to REPA's request for the implementation of additional security and safety measures on the site of the Rockhill Quarry.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 215-579-8102 if my office can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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