

DEP Information Meeting March 4, 2022

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) held an information meeting to update local elected and appointed officials to provide the status of the Rock Hill Quarry located on North Rockhill Road since the last meeting which convened February 4, 2022.

The Rock Hill Quarry is still under a DEP cease order.

On February 28, 2022, DEP conditionally approved the February 1, 2022 Hanson Aggregates limited activity sampling plan. The plan is intended to simulate limited activities at the site. A DEP inspector will be on site during the sampling which is weather dependent with results collected, reviewed and shared before the next sampling activity is authorized. Hanson must comply with all conditions in DEP's conditional approval letter. A timeline is not known at this time on when the sampling will occur.

DEP continues to move forward toward a decision on the site on what is under review at this time which is limited to the removal of the minimum 500 tons of aggregate annually from existing stockpiles, collecting monthly NPDES water discharge samples, and routine site inspection and security detail.

A DEP response to Hanson Aggregates November 23, 2021 request for abeyance of the annual minimum tonnage removal was issued on December 3, 2021 stating the removal is precluded by the current cease order.

DEP's website continues to be updated with pertinent documents.

Draft List of Attendees provided by DEP:

- Kyle Melander, Staff, Congressman Fitzpatrick
- Shannon Sticker, Staff, Sen. Santarsiero
- Dan Fagan, Staff, Sen. Santarsiero
- Rhonda Tetterer, Staff, Sen. Mensch
- Debra Zylstra, Staff, Rep. Staats
- Gary Volovnik, Vice-Chairperson, East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
- Jim Nietupski, Member, East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
- Marianne Morano, Manager, East Rockhill Township
- Steven Baluh, Engineer, East Rockhill Township
- Kelly Harper, Director of Operations, Pennridge School District
- Tom Duncan, Counsel, East Rockhill Township
- John Stefanko, Deputy Secretary for Active and Abandoned Mine Operations
- Dan Sammarco, Director of District Mining Operations
- Randy Shustack, District Mining Manager, Pottsville District Mining Office (PDMO)
- Mike Kutney, Chief, Permits & Technical Section, PDMO
- Rich Tallman, Civil Engineer, PDMO
- Craig Lambeth, Assistant Counsel
- Doug White, Supervisory Counsel
- Jill Gallagher, Air Quality Environmental Group Manager, SERO
- Ashley Davis, Environmental Compliance Specialist, SERO
- Virginia (Cain) Nurk, Community Relations Coordinator, SERO
- Rob Fogel, Local Government Liaison, SERO