



Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association

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Mr. Chad Paronish
PA Department of Environmental Protection
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**RE: Specialty Granules LLC
NPDES Permit Renewal
Pitts Quarry, Hamiltonban Township, Adams County**

Dear Mr. Paronish:

The Pennsylvania Aggregates & Concrete Association (PACA) represents the broad interests of over 200 member aggregates (stone, sand and gravel), concrete and cement companies, and companies supporting these industries (equipment manufacturers, dealers, consultants and service providers) in the Commonwealth. PACA's members account for more than 80 percent of the total aggregates production in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania consistently ranks in the top national producers of crushed stone and sand and gravel.

We are confirming our support for the issuance of the NPDES permit renewal for Specialty Granules' Pitts Quarry located in Hamiltonban Township, Adams County. SGI's presentation at the public hearing held July 17, 2019 in Fairfield gives us confidence in their approach as being scientifically sound, as well as conforming to Pennsylvania regulations.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Peter T. Vlahos
President

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