

November 1, 2018

New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company Attn: Mr. Greg Rodrigo PO Box 248

New Hope, PA 18938-0248

Re: New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company

Permit No. 7974SM3

Furlong Fault Reclamation Blasting Review

Solebury Township, Bucks County

Dear Mr. Rodrigo:

Upon further review and analysis of the Furlong Fault information and related data contained in your permit, as well as the additional information that was submitted by your consultant, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has determined that the blasting plan for reclamation submitted by New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Co., Inc. will not impact the Furlong Fault in a manner that prevents NHCS from restoring the hydrologic balance to the permit-approved post mining water elevation. Therefore, reclamation of the east wall and adjacent areas can/shall proceed as planned and outlined in your previously submitted reclamation and blasting plans. These plans are also to be discussed, and reviewed with you and your contract blaster, on November 8, 2018 to ensure everyone understands the plan and associated requirements.

The attached memo provides the rationale for the Department's decision. If you have any questions, please contact me at 570.621.3118.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Menghini District Mining Manager

Bureau of District Mining Operations

Enclosure

cc: Michael Kutney, EGM

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