

January 14, 2016

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New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company P.O. Box 248 New Hope, PA 18938-0248

Re: New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company Permit No. 7974SM3 Solebury Township, Bucks County

Ladies & Gentlemen:

On October 1, 2015 by Compliance Order No. 15-5-048-N, the Department notified you that New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company (hereinafter "the Operator") violated the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act and/or the Clean Streams Law. Based upon the factors set forth in Subchapter E of Chapter 77 of the regulations and the information presently available to the Department, a preliminary evaluation of the violations indicates that the Operator is subject to a civil penalty of FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00). The potential penalty may be changed in the final assessment upon consideration by the Department of new information concerning culpability, speed of and effectiveness of compliance, diligence, unforeseen circumstances, and other factors brought to the Department's attention.

We will schedule a meeting to discuss the final assessment for these violations, if a meeting is requested within 15 days of receipt of this letter. Following the meeting, the Department will issue an assessment pursuant to 25 Pa. Code Sections 77,292-303.

If you are a person with a disability wishing to attend this meeting and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate, please call the Pottsville District Office and ask for the ADA Coordinator to discuss how your needs may be best accommodated. If needed, you may use the AT&T Relay Service by calling 1-800-654-5984 (TDD Users) or 1-800-654-5988 (Voice Users) and request that your call be relayed to the ADA Coordinator at 570-621-3118.

If you wish to settle this civil penalty obligation at the specified amount, please contact me by January 29, 2016. I will forward the appropriate documents to you.

If you do not contact us within 15 days, we will proceed to issue a final assessment based on the information available at that time. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 570-621-3118.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Latsha

Surface Mine Conservation Inspection Supervisor

Pottsville District Office

Enclosure

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