

POTTSVILLE DISTRICT OFFICE

July 23, 2018

New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company Attn: Mr. Greg Rodrigo P.O. Box 248 New Hope, PA 18938-0248

Re: New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Company Permit No. 7974SM3 Additional Requested Information to April 10, 2018 Submission Solebury Township, Bucks County

Dear Mr. Rodrigo:

It has come to the Department's attention that there may be some confusion regarding the requirements of Paragraph 3 of the Department's July 12, 2018 letter regarding the Additional Requested Information to April 10, 2018 Submission, and what New Hope is expected to provide to the Department pursuant to that letter. To remove any ambiguity, the Department has revised Paragraph 3 as follows:

3) On June 7, 2018 the Department issued an inspection report approving the blast plan/design submitted May 30, 2018 regarding reclamation of the East Wall using drilling and blasting techniques to achieve final reclamation grades of the slopes identified as Staked Reclamation Areas #18 through #23 on the "Reclamation Update Map." At the time the Department approved the blast plan/design for the reclamation of the East Wall, it was with the understanding that the drilling and blasting would be conducted in such a manner as to prevent any additional adverse hydrologic effects to the Furlong Fault Line and the current prevailing hydrologic balance at or near the Fault. NHCS shall provide supplemental information demonstrating that conducting reclamation drilling and blasting 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.

The "Reclamation Update Map" does not currently delineate the Furlong Fault Line or otherwise reference the blasting that will be utilized to achieve those slopes. New Hope shall provide a revised "Reclamation Update Map" that delineates the Furlong Fault Line and the associated Cross Sections. In addition, New Hope shall include the following wording as Note no. 3 on the revised "Reclamation Update Map": "Drilling and blasting 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."

This additional information shall be submitted to the Department by August 13, 2018. Until this information is submitted, and approved in writing, no blasting approved in the June 7, 2018 inspection report shall occur that could potentially affect the Furlong Fault. The

Department requires that the drilling and blasting to achieve reclamation of the East Wall shall be initiated by October 2018 and completed no later than March 2019 as stated in the response dated April 10, 2018 by EarthRes.

Except as modified above, the remaining portions of the July 12, 2018 letter remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or any related matters, please contact me at 570.621.3118.

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Sincerely,

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