From: EP, Mining

Subject: Rock Hill Quarry Update 4.3.2020

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Hello,

You are receiving this email from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) because you have expressed interest in the Rock Hill Quarry in East Rockhill Township, Bucks County.

As of April 3, 2020, mining and related activities remain under a cessation order.

Since the last community update sent on March 27, 2020:

- In order to prevent the further spread of Covid-19, <u>DEP office</u> closures have been extended through at least April 30, 2020. Staff continue to work remotely, conducting inspections as needed to protect the health and safety of the residents of the Commonwealth, reviewing reports, and otherwise carrying out the mission and work of the Department.
- Although quarrying activities have been categorized as '<u>Life Sustaining Businesses</u>' per the Governor's Order, activity at the Rock Hill Quarry site remains ceased due to the ongoing naturally occurring asbestos investigation.
- On April 1, 2020, DEP approved the Corrective Action Plan submitted by Hanson on March 13, 2020 in response to the Notice of Violation DEP issued on February 20, 2020. The Corrective Action Plan has been added to the project webpage.
- As you may recall, on March 2, 2020, DEP responded to the Qualitative Geologic Survey Report, requesting additional information from Hanson by April 6, 2020. On April 2, 2020, Hanson sent a letter requesting an extension to respond to DEP's request. In the April 2, 2020 letter, Hanson also informed DEP that it recently agreed with its contract operator R.E. Pierson to terminate its lease for the site and associated operations. DEP will be contacting Hanson to gather additional information on this matter. At this time, no determination on the extension request or future of the site has been made. Additional information will be shared as soon as it becomes available. The full letter is available on the webpage.

DEP continues to update its webpage, available at:

https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SoutheastRegion/Community%20Information/Pages/Rock-Hill-Quarry-.aspx

If you did not receive this email directly and you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact RA-EPmining@pa.gov to be added.

Thank you for your continued interest in DEP's oversight of the Rock Hill Quarry.

Sincerely,

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