



November 3, 2022

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick  
United States Representatives  
271 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Fitzpatrick:

Thank you for your October 12, 2022 letter regarding security and safety at the Rock Hill Quarry. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is aware of the August 2022 incident involving a fire started by unauthorized trespassers at the Rock Hill Quarry site. DEP has investigated the incident and determined that Hanson continues to exercise site security and safety measures that include locked gates and contracted security surveillance services.

DEP understands that licensed vehicular access to the quarry property and permit site is restricted by a locked gate at the entrance from North Rockhill Road and a locked gate on the gravel quarry road leading from Rock Hill Road. All other entrance to the site (including ATVs) may only be gained by a person or persons first obtaining permission from or trespassing on and over one or more adjacent property. Landowners of these adjacent properties include SEPTA, the Perkasio Borough Authority, and numerous private citizens. While we appreciate your concerns, DEP has no authority over the adjacent landowners and how they conduct security on their properties and DEP rules do not require security and safety measures beyond those which are currently being implemented at the Rock Hill Quarry Site.

DEP has taken full and fair consideration of the concerns about the Rock Hill Quarry from nearby residents and health experts, and DEP is committed to maintaining that practice before making any determination regarding the future of quarry operations at the Rock Hill Quarry.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact Taylor Nezat, Acting Director of Legislative Affairs, by email at [tnezat@pa.gov](mailto:tnezat@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramez Ziadéh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "Z" and "R".

Ramez Ziadéh, P.E.  
Acting Secretary

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