



April 3, 2020

The Honorable Patrick McDonnell
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Mr. Michael Kutney, P.G. Chief, Permits and Technical Section
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Mr. John Stefanko, Deputy Secretary
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**Re: Erskine Environmental Consulting Comments on Hanson 4.2.20 Letter to PADEP
Extension Request – March 2, 2020 PADEP Comment Letter on QGSR**

Dear Secretary McDonnell, Mr. Kutney, Mr. Stefanko and Mr. Latsha,

REPA has reviewed the request for an extension by Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania, LLC (Hanson), as well as comments provided by Erskine Environmental Consulting, Inc. (attached). Based on the information provided, REPA has concluded that the reasons given for the extension have no merit.

The testing for asbestos at the Rockhill Quarry is a major concern with the residents of East Rockhill Township, and a request for a nine-month extension delivered only four days before the deadline is not

acceptable. REPA requests that PADEP does not accept the extension, and requires Hanson to respond to PADEP's comments as scheduled for April 6, 2020.

If Hanson does not provide the required responses to PADEP's questions by the April 6, 2020 deadline, PADEP should deem the lack of response as *non-responsive*. REPA continues to request that PADEP require that all operations at the Rockhill Quarry permanently cease.

Respectfully yours,

Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance, Inc.

cc: The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick, U.S. Representative PA-01
The Honorable Steven Santarsiero, 10th Senatorial District
The Honorable Robert Mensch, 24th Senatorial District
The Honorable Craig Staats, PA's 145th Legislative District
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