



June 12, 2024

The Honorable Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley  
PA Department of Environmental Protection  
Rachel Carson State Office Building  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Acting Secretary Shirley,

REPA is in receipt of Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC's ("Heidelberg") April 10, 2024 letter to the Department. Heidelberg's letter fails to provide any additional information or arguments that have not already been addressed by REPA and Dr. Erskine many times. Heidelberg repeats its assertion that it can eliminate asbestos particles using methods other than ISO 10312 based on the claim that ISO 10312 does not prohibit them from doing so. We are confident that the Department can see right through this argument. Many at the Department are familiar with standard test methodologies used to test, for example, contaminants in soil and groundwater, and in air emissions. At no time would any sampler modify standardized sampling protocol, and no lab would apply criteria that would alter the result from what would be otherwise be reported. **Asbestos is no different.** What is particularly troubling is that ISO 10312 specifically prohibits differentiation based on morphology. Despite this clarity, however, Heidelberg continues to defend its position.

The Department must deny Heidelberg's request to open the Rockhill Quarry.

Respectfully yours,

Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance, Inc. (REPA)

cc: The Honorable Josh Shapiro, Governor of Pennsylvania  
The Honorable Steven Santarsiero, 10<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
The Honorable Jarrett Coleman, 16<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
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