



## **EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP**

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DEP Appeals for 1,000 ton per hour non-metallic mineral processing plant (crusher) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

The Township, DEP, Hanson, and Pierson have agreed to jointly request that the Environmental Hearing Board stay the Township's appeals for a period of 180 days, and have also agreed that if DEP lifts its Cessation Order and allows mining and crushing activities to recommence, the parties would jointly request that the Board lift the stays and allow litigation to recommence. Given that DEP has issued the Cessation Order ceasing all mining and crushing activities at the Rock Hill Quarry, that DEP's investigation of the extent of asbestos present at the Rock Hill Quarry is ongoing, and that Hanson and Pierson would be required to receive a number of approvals and permit revisions before DEP would allow mining and crushing activities to recommence, staying the appeals allows the Township to conserve litigation resources while DEP continues to conduct its investigation, without restricting the Township's ability to continue to monitor DEP's regulatory activities to ensure the safety of the Township's residents.