



EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP

June 17, 2019 – News Release – Rock Hill Quarry, 2055 North Rockhill Road

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) held an information meeting on June 14, 2019 to provide an update on the status of the Rock Hill Quarry located on North Rockhill Road. A review of the presence of naturally occurring asbestos at the site is ongoing, with sampling being completed by the operator and DEP. As part of that review, DEP intends to consider a report dated June 6, 2019, prepared by Erskine Environmental Consulting on behalf of the Rockhill Environmental Preservation Alliance (REPA).

DEP recently updated its Rock Hill Quarry webpage. Permits, plans, reports, and correspondence are posted on that webpage, and questions for DEP should be submitted through that webpage.

Water quality and possible pumping of all water in the quarry pit were discussed.

DEP addressed questions regarding the status of the mining permit and the requirement to remove 500 tons per year. State Senator Santarsiero has continued to question compliance with this requirement, and DEP will continue to further review.

Questions were also asked regarding how a surface mining permit for a site can be maintained as active for 40 years when no quarrying has occurred, particularly in light of updated mining requirements, technological advances, and substantial changes in the surrounding neighborhood.