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**Re: Extension Request – March 2, 2020 PADEP Comment Letter on QGSR
Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania LLC
Rock Hill Quarry
SMP No. 7974SM1
East Rockhill Twp., Bucks Co., PA**

Dear Mr. Kutney:

Hanson Aggregates Pennsylvania LLC (Hanson) is submitting this extension request letter to you for the Department's consideration with regard to the April 6, 2020 deadline mentioned in your March 2, 2020 comment letter. Hanson's request is based upon the following realities:

- The unprecedented Federal Government and Pennsylvania Government actions and responses regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) have caused unprecedented interruptions to normal business operations across industry and the Commonwealth. The closures of offices and suggested social distancing measures have prevented the normal course of business in March 2020. The effects of these measures have extended into April and will likely prolong into May or beyond.
- As you are aware from our March 4, 2020 telephone conversation, Louis F. Vittorio, P.G. has changed careers and now works directly for a manufacturing company outside of the mining industry. Therefore, Hanson will be working to engage a new expert to handle the geologic aspects of the Rock Hill Quarry NOA investigation once the COVID-19 closures have ceased.
- Hanson and R.E. Pierson Materials (Pierson) have recently agreed to terminate the lease of the Rock Hill Quarry property and operation. Therefore, Pierson will not conduct any further mining at the site and has 60 days after the lifting or expiration of Governor Wolf's March 23, 2020 Stay-at-Home Order to remove its property.
- Background air sampling conducted during five (5) days in January 2019 at many locations across the site indicate at a minimum that ambient air conditions at the Rock

Hill Quarry contained no measureable or identifiable NOA fibers. A total of 30 individual samples (plus five [5] field blanks) were analyzed by EMSL Analytical, Inc. with not a single airborne fiber observed using PCM or TEM methods. [*Compliance Plus Services, Inc. report dated February 15, 2019*]

Considering the above information, Hanson requests a nine (9) month extension until January 6, 2021 to comprehensively address the Department's comments listed in the March 2, 2020 and September 20, 2019 letters.

Please feel free to contact me at (610) 366-4819 should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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