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Dear Mr. Callaghan,

As a retired chemical and environmental safety engineer, I understand the problems that reduction in staff available to oversee noncoal mining operations has caused. From my 35 years experience in industry I know that oversight is the key to safely controlling any industry. In addition, the explosion of demand for aggregate due to gas industry needs throughout so much of the Commonwealth has been problematic for some time now. I am very pleased to see the Department attempting to address the issues by bringing in the revenue to be able adequately carry out the necessary oversight and permitting functions in a timely manner.

I appreciate your efforts and support the proposed rule changes. They should translate into jobs for Pennsylvanians who have worked hard to attain the needed education and would like the opportunity to put their education to work serving the public and our environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely, Ted Stroter 100 Retreat Road

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