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**RE: Environmental Quality Board Proposed Rulemaking
Noncoal Mining Clarifications and Corrections
[51 Pa.B. 1519]
[Saturday, March 20, 2021]**

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the above referenced proposed rulemaking and are submitting comments on behalf of the Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA), the trade organization for the aggregates (crushed stone, sand and gravel), ready mixed concrete and cement companies in Pennsylvania. Over 175 member companies across the Commonwealth, of all sizes and types, are involved in the production of the above commodities or provide support products and services to the construction materials manufacturing companies. These companies have been actively and positively involved for more than 100 years in helping to provide sustainable jobs and tax revenue in the communities in which they operate.

The proposed rulemaking will affect the aggregates portion of our industry. The stewardship and ownership of these natural aggregate resources requires a caring and comprehensive balance of personnel, environmental, economic and community considerations. Pennsylvania is consistently in the top five nationwide production of crushed stone, upon which the foundation of the entire country is built. We cannot stress enough the strategic importance of cultivating our own natural resources in the Commonwealth and the United States.

We wish to acknowledge the collaborative effort of the Department when clarifying and correcting these rules, and the scientific thinking and approach—while staying within the confines of the noncoal mining statute.

Sincerely,

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