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**PENNSYLVANIA AGGREGATES AND CONCRETE ASSOCIATION HOSTS MEETING AND TOUR
OF CONNELLSVILLE'S SPRINGFIELD PIKE QUARRY**

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. (Aug. 5, 2022) – The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA), Pennsylvania's leading voice for the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries, today hosted a meeting and a tour of the Springfield Pike Quarry with leaders in government, industry and higher education. PACA member Lehigh Hanson and its parent company, HeidelbergCement Group, hosted the event to highlight the safety protocols in the Springfield Pike Quarry, which was honored with the Sentinel award in 2019 by the National Mining Association.

Attendees of the meeting and tour included Sekhar Bhattacharyya, chair of the Mining Engineering Program at Penn State University, state Rep. Ryan Warner, Nick Troutman and Matt Osenbach, from state Sen. Gene Yaw's office, Emily Eyster from state Sen. Carolyn Comitta's office, staff from the state Department of Environmental Protection, and Aggregates Advisory Board members.

"PACA is proud to partner with Lehigh Hanson to inform and educate our government, industry and higher education leaders about the safe production of aggregate that comes from the Springfield Pike Quarry and quarries like it," said Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association President and CEO Peter Vlahos. "We're confident this event will leave our attendees with a better understanding of the aggregate industry's focus on safe mining practices and our commitment to furthering the use of construction materials to benefit the commonwealth."

In operation since the 1960s, the Springfield Pike Quarry is one of three active underground room and pillar operations mining the Loyalhanna Limestone formation. Operated by Hanson Aggregates, the mine produces and sells approximately one million tons of aggregate annually. The products produced at Springfield Pike mine are used primarily in the production of hot mix asphalt, ready mixed concrete, and general road and building construction.

HeidelbergCement Group was founded in Germany in 1874, and has grown from a small regional cement manufacturer into one of the largest international manufacturers of building materials. HeidelbergCement Group strives to operate sustainably and has set a goal to produce climate-neutral concrete by 2050, in a push toward carbon reduction.

Lehigh Hanson encompasses the North American operations of HeidelbergCement Group. In the western Pennsylvania region, Hanson Aggregates operates three active and one inactive underground limestone mines, four hot mix asphalt plants, multiple ready mixed concrete plants and several surface quarries with goals to expand and introduce future operations to keep pace with aggregate availability needs. Hanson Aggregates is one of the largest producers of crushed stone, sand and gravel in the United States.

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About PACA

PACA is Pennsylvania's leading voice for the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries' community. PACA safeguards the industry from common threats; expands market opportunities; trains a productive workforce; educates and communicates the value of construction materials to all Pennsylvanians; serves as the gathering place for industry stakeholders; and unites divergent interests into a shared platform for action to benefit the aggregates, ready mixed concrete and cement industries in Pennsylvania.

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