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### BERKS, BUCKS AND LANCASTER COUNTIES LEAD PENNSYLVANIA'S NON-COAL MINING OUTPUT

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (Aug. 29, 2022)** – The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association today lauded the three top-producing counties of aggregate construction materials in the state for delivering a critical material necessary to grow the economy and support economic development across Pennsylvania. All 67 counties in the state had non-coal operations that provide good-paying jobs to local communities. Most importantly, locally sourced aggregates are cost-effective, minimize environmental impacts, and create less congestion and wear and tear on our burdened transportation network.

Data reported to the state Department of Environmental Protection shows Pennsylvania's aggregates quarries produced 121.4 million tons of industrial materials in 2021. Of that, mining operations in Berks, Bucks and Lancaster counties produced roughly 28.5 million tons, or nearly 25% of the total aggregates.

These aggregates include limestone, sand and gravel, argillite, sandstone, bluestone, and shale. They are the most basic materials used in construction and provide the foundation for roads, bridges, buildings and more.

"It's impressive that 57 mining operations located in Berks, Bucks and Lancaster counties are producing nearly a quarter of the total aggregate construction materials in the state," said Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association President and CEO Peter Vlahos. "We are fortunate with great geology in the state, which delivers a life-sustaining material that is the keystone to our society and well-being. Without stone, sand and gravel, there is no civilization."

Data reported to and compiled by DEP's Bureau of Mining shows Pennsylvania's industrial minerals operations employed 5,626 workers in 2021, up from 4,894 in 2020, a 15% increase. Published data can be found here:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Mining/BureauofMiningPrograms/Reports/Pages/2021-Coal-and-Industrial-Minerals.aspx>

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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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