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Mr. John Guth
Regional Air Quality Manager, PA DEP, Northwest Regional Office
230 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335
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Dear Mr. Guth,

It has recently been brought to my attention that a large asphalt plant is pending approval for construction and operation in Barkeyville Boro, Venango County, PA (Plan Approval # 61-210A - Glen O. Hawbaker, Inc. — Barkeyville Plant, 1041 Stevenson Road, Harrisville, PA 16038).

According to the information published in the PA Bulletin, this proposed plant is expected to pollute the air in Barkeyville with 9 tons of dangerous Volatile Organic Compounds annually, plus 28 tons of NO_x and 37.8 tons of CO. This, of course, doesn't take into account potential ground water pollution, noise pollution, and the huge traffic increase (with resultant air quality implications) required to transport up to 560,000 tons of asphalt and raw materials through the Barkeyville area each year.

As a Barkeyville Boro property owner with a business located in the boro, I find these revelations disturbing, to say the least. Barkeyville is a population center where the quality of life for all residents should not be needlessly undermined and threatened in order to provide business activity for a single company. Everybody in the Boro and neighboring townships — men, women and children — must all breathe the same air. We should have the opportunity to raise children in healthy environments. The decision to locate a massive asphalt plant in the midst of a small town indicates poor planning and an unfortunate disregard for the health and safety of our local residents.

I hereby respectfully request that a public hearing be held on this issue at a time and location where it can be most conveniently attended by the residents of Barkeyville Boro and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Jenkins