

Testimony: Mr. Paul K. Smith
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This testimony is in relation to a site in Hamilton Township, Monroe County, PA.

Throughout my career I gained experience working for Fortune 500 companies and visited many of the major hazardous waste dump sites in California and other states. I was a corporate representative with the National Agricultural Chemical Association in Washington, DC. Since 2005, I have been involved with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection concerning waste dumping violations in Hamilton Township and in regards to soil contamination clean up and removal.

1. History
 - a. In the 26 years from 1992-2018 mining of shale and slate including blasting from 6am to 6pm daily. There was illegal dumping of hazardous waste including arsenic, "viscous black petroleum substance," organic compounds, and benzo pyrine. This causes harm to humans and can expose individuals to red blood cell damage, anemia, suppressed immune system, and cancer.
2. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Violations
 - a. The property was sold to Gerald Gay in 2002. On June 5, 2009, there was illegal disposal of solid waste.
3. DEP Notice of Continued Violations. The noticed cited the following.
 - a. Immediately Cease Disposal of all solid waste.
 - b. Immediately cease burning of all solid waste.
 - c. Post "No Dumping" signs.
 - d. Remove and properly dispose of all solid waste.
4. Clean up and removal required.
 - a. No action was taken by Gay.
 - b. On June 17, 2011, Monroe County fined Gay \$5,000 and a penalty for 6 months.
5. In 2017, it was purchased by Hardrock.
 - a. Running 75 to 125 Trucks per day and dumping 64,000 tons per month.
 - b. Dumping has occurred after hours, including 2:30 AM on a Saturday.

As a private citizen, I am concerned that my property will be worthless if my well becomes contaminated. I am concerned about the noise of dumping and of the dump trucks at 2:30 AM on a Saturday. Why does dumping occur so late and what exactly is being dumped? Are there materials being dumped that they don't want authorities to know about? Who do I have to hire to represent me to stop this operation? No one seems concerned except local residents. My family's health could be harmed by hazardous waste including asbestos, arsenic, bacteria, hospital waste, and harmful metals.

Thank you,

Paul K Smith