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HERCULES CEMENT COMPANY POWER OUTAGE

Stockertown, PA June 5, 2020

In response to a recent inquiry about a power outage experienced at our Hercules Cement Company plant in Stockertown, please see the below statement:

> At approximately 11:30 pm on Thursday, June 4, 2020, during a severe thunderstorm, lightning struck an electrical power line at the Hercules Cement Company plant in Stockertown, PA, causing an outage to equipment in our pumping system used to discharge water from the quarry into Bushkill Creek. Plant personnel responded immediately and notified all required authorities. Power was successfully restored to pumping operations by approximately 2:15pm Friday, June 5, 2020.
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> We are extremely saddened by the unfortunate effect this event had on the creek's local fish population. The well-being of the neighborhoods in which we operate is of upmost importance to our Company. The Hercules Plant regularly stocks fish in the creek to benefit the community and makes every effort to utilize environmentally sound processes in its business operations.
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> "Obviously, it is distressing any time the creek goes dry and the fish are impacted," said Bruce Keim, Hercules' Plant Manager, "but as everyone who lives in this area knows, the creek has some very significant sinkholes downstream of the quarry discharge, and if we are not pumping water into the creek, under naturally occurring low creek flow conditions those sinkholes take up all of the creek water."
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> Our Company makes every effort to ensure reliability and continuous operation of the quarry pumping system and; absent acts of God, achieves an extremely high level of continuous pumping operation.