Below is the 9/9/19 DEP Weldon update:

NJDEP received an updated clean up proposal from Weldon on September 5, 2019 to remove additional sediment from the upper and lower portions of the stream affected by the February 2019 Weldon spill. NJDEP has approved the proposed clean-up plan for the upper portion of the stream and Weldon is expected to conduct the work on or about September 11, 2019. The proposal for the lower half of the stream is still under review by the Department. However, It is expected that a plan for the lower half of the stream will be approved shortly and that the additional clean-up of this area will continue during the week of September 16th.

In addition to the nutrient monitoring previously shared with the LHC, Weldon has a completed the NJDEP required monthly monitoring of their surface water discharge on August 31, 2019. The results are attached for your records and would comply with the effluent limits in the current NJDEP Mining and Quarrying Discharge to Surface Water Permit. NJDEP will continue to oversee monthly monitoring, which will also include Total Phosphorous, to ensure that the ongoing Weldon discharge is properly regulated. The LHC would have the right to comment on any renewed or new discharge permit issued to Weldon.

It is also noted that the transfer pipe that was the source of the February 2019 spill has been replaced with a stronger material and moved from the remote wooded area to the quarry operating area where any spills could be easily contained and managed.

The Enforcement case with Weldon for the February 2019 violations is still pending.