



# MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## PERMIT TO OPERATE

C001978

Operation under this permit must be conducted in compliance with all information included with the initial application, initial permit condition, and conditions contained herein. The equipment must be maintained and kept in good operating condition at all times. This Permit to Operate or copy must be posted on or within 8 meters of equipment. If a copy is posted, the original must be maintained on site, available for inspection at all times.

### EXPIRES LAST DAY OF: DECEMBER 2025

#### OWNER OF OPERATOR (Co.#9)

Searles Valley Minerals Operations, Inc  
13200 Main Street  
Trona, CA 93562

#### EQUIPMENT LOCATION (Fac.#2)

SVM - Trona Plant  
13200 Main Street  
Trona, CA 93562

#### Description:

COOLER BAGHOUSE (BORIC ACID DRYER CONVEYOR ROOM AND PRODUCT COOLER) consisting of: D.L.C. baghouse, Model No. DCVB-1526, with 250 sq. ft. of bags served by a 5 hp @ 1800 rpm fan motor generating 1250 cfm @ 6" S.P., operating at ambient temperature, serving the boric acid dryer conveyor room and boric acid product cooler.

#### CONDITIONS:

- This baghouse shall operate concurrently with the Boric Acid product transfer equipment covered by District permit B000480. [District Rule 204]
- The owner/operator (o/o) shall operate/maintain this equipment in strict accord with recommendations of the manufacturer and/or sound engineering practices. [District Rule 204]
- The operating instructions shall be immediately available for use by the operator and provided to District personnel upon request. [District Rule 204]
- The owner/operator shall conduct a minimum program of inspection and maintenance on this equipment. The owner/operator shall maintain current and on-site for five (5) years a log of the following information, which shall be provided to District personnel upon request:
  - Daily reading of baghouse pressure drop (date and value);

Fee Schedule: 7 (h)      Rating: 1 device      SIC: 1474      SCC: 30111301      Location/UTM(Km): 466E/3957N

This permit does not authorize the emission of air contaminants in excess of those allowed by law, including Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California and the Rules and Regulations of the District. This permit cannot be construed as permission to violate existing laws, ordinances, statutes or regulations of this or other governmental agencies. This permit must be renewed by the expiration date above. If billing for renewal fee required by Rule 301(c) is not received by expiration date above, please contact the District.

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Air Pollution Control Officer

- (b) Monthly baghouse stack observation date and result (using USEPA Method 22, and USEPA Method 9 when visible emissions are detected), as outlined in condition 8;
  - (c) Annual bag and bag suspension system inspection (date and results);
  - (d) Date of bag replacements, and
  - (e) Date of any excursion, a description of corrective action, and proof of reporting as required by condition 7.
- [District Rule 204; 40 CFR 64]

5. The owner/operator shall conduct periodic compliance tests relative to District Rules 404 and 405, and to establish PM10 emissions at a 0.85 fraction of TSP (lb/ton of throughput). Initial testing shall be conducted within 180 days after the Boric Acid Production increase modifications are complete. Initial test results shall be submitted to the District no later than 90 days after test completion. Thereafter, testing shall be performed once every sixty (60) months.

The owner/operator must submit a compliance/source test protocol at least thirty (30) days prior to the compliance/source test date. The owner/operator must conduct all required compliance/source tests in accordance with a District-approved test protocol. The owner/operator must notify the District a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the compliance/source test date so that an observer may be present. The final compliance/source test results must be submitted to the District within forty-five (45) days of completion of the test. All compliance/source test notifications, protocols, and results may be submitted electronically to [reporting@mdaqmd.ca.gov](mailto:reporting@mdaqmd.ca.gov)

[District Rules 404, 405 and 1303(B)]

6. The combined emissions from this equipment, and the equipment permitted by valid District permits; C000516, C001685, and C001761, shall not emit PM-10 (at a 0.85 fraction of TSP) in excess of 2.62 tons per year. Verification shall be accomplished through source tests and Boric Acid process line production records on a rolling twelve-month summary basis.

[District Rule 1303(B)]

7. The pollutant-specific emissions unit (B000480), for which this baghouse controls is subject to the requirements of Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) of 40 CFR 64. As such this permit unit must be in compliance with an approved CAM Plan. An excursion of the CAM Plan is defined as a differential pressure outside the range of 2 to 6 inches of column; and/or the presence of visible emissions, as demonstrated by condition 8. Any excursion of the CAM Plan requires the owner operator to do the following:

- (a) Inspect the affected equipment,
- (b) Initiate a corrective action, within 24 hours; and,
- (c) Report/Document the excursion in the log book required under condition 4.

[40 CFR 64.7(d)]

8. The owner/operator must conduct monthly 6-minute visible emissions inspections using EPA Method 22. The Method 22 test shall be conducted while the baghouse is operating. The test is successful if no visible emissions are observed. If any visible emissions are observed, the owner/operator of the affected facility must initiate corrective action within 24 hours to return the baghouse to normal operation. The owner/operator must record each Method 22 test, including the date and any corrective actions taken, in the logbook required under condition 4.

[40 CFR 64.7(a)]