



# MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

14306 Park Avenue Victorville, CA 92392-2310  
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## PERMIT TO OPERATE

N002727

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: JULY 2026**

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

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

### EQUIPMENT LOCATION (Fac.#79)

SVM - Argus Facility  
82090 First Street  
Trona, CA 93562

#### Description:

GASOLINE DISPENSING FACILITY (NON-RETAIL) consisting of:

#### FUEL TANKS

Tank No.	Material Stored	Volume (US Gallons)	Above/Underground
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#### DISPENSING EQUIPMENT

Fuel Type	Quantity
87U	1
Diesel	1

#### VAPOR CONTROL EQUIPMENT

Type	Equipment Name	Compliance
PI	DP	G-70-116-F
PII	BAL	G-70-116-F
SL	SL	VR-301

Fee Schedule: 5 (a)

Rating: 1000 gallons

SIC: 1474

SCC: 40600603

Location/UTM(Km):  
465E/3958N

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.

Searles Valley Minerals Operations, Inc  
P.O. Box 367  
Trona, CA 93592-0367

By: **COPY**  
**Brad Poiriez**  
Executive Director

## CONDITIONS:

1. The owner/operator shall conspicuously post, in the gasoline dispensing area, the operating instructions and the district's toll-free telephone number for complaints (1-800-635-4617).  
[District Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing]

2. The owner/operator shall maintain a log of all inspections, maintenance and repairs, and throughput on equipment. Such logs or records shall be maintained at the facility for at least five (5) years and shall be available to the District upon request.  
[District Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing]

3. Any modifications or changes to the piping or control fittings of the vapor recovery system requires prior approval from the District.  
[District Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing, District Regulation XIII - NSR]

4. The vapor vent pipes are to be equipped with Husky 5885 or Franklin Fueling Systems PV -Zero pressure relief valves, or as otherwise allowed by Executive Order VR-301.  
[Executive Order VR-301]

5. The owner/operator must conduct tests on this equipment in accordance with the requirements of CARB Executive Orders, VR-301 and G-70-116, no later than 60 days after modification/installation of vapor recovery system, and at least once every twelve (12) months using the latest adopted version of the required test procedures:  
(a) Static Pressure Decay Test per CARB test method TP-201.3B (2-inch test);  
(b) Liquid Removal Test (if applicable) per TP-201.6;  
(c) Leak Rate and Cracking Pressure of Pressure/Vacuum Vent Valves per CARB test method TP-201.1E; and,  
(d) Emergency vents and manways shall be leak free when tested at the operating pressure of the tank in accordance with CARB test methods, as specified in Title 17, California Code of Regulations.

The District must be notified a minimum of 10 days prior to performing the required tests with the final results submitted to the District within 30 days of completion of the tests. Testing notifications and testing results may be sent to VaporRecoveryTesting@mdaqmd.ca.gov  
[District Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing, Executive Orders G-70-116 and VR-301]

6. The annual throughput of gasoline shall not exceed 60,000 gallons per year. Throughput records shall be kept on site and available to District personnel upon request, and annual throughput for the previous calendar year shall be provided to the District not later than the end of February of each year. Before this annual throughput can be increased the facility is required to submit to the District an application to modify the permit which may require a Health Risk Assessment (HRA). In addition, public notice and/or a commenting period may be required.  
[District Rule 1320 - NSR for Toxic Air Contaminants; District Rule 107(b); H&S Code 39607 & 44341-44342; and 40 CFR 51, Subpart A; Throughput Limit based on EVR Phase I Exemption from CARB CP-206]

7. The owner/operator must install and maintain all equipment in compliance with CARB Executive Orders VR-301 and G-70-116. The owner/operator must perform the required maintenance as specified in ARB-Approved Installation and Maintenance Manual for the Phase I Vapor Recovery System, including PV maintenance, as applicable. Additionally, hanging hardware must be replaced with VST Balance EVR type hanging hardware during routine equipment change outs.  
[District Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing, Executive Orders VR - 301 and G-70-116, 40 CFR 63, Subpart CCCCCC]

8. Exterior coating and P/V valve retrofit shall occur no later than April 1, 2013. Records of these retrofits, coatings, and equipment shall be kept on site and available to State and District personnel upon request.  
[District Rule 204; District Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing]