



## MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### PERMIT TO OPERATE

B000520

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:

SOLID FUEL EXTERIOR STOCKOUT AND RECLAIM SYSTEM consisting of: Exterior to the coal barn, segregated and emergency solid fuel storage and handling equipment as follows:

#### EQUIPMENT

Capacity	Equipment Description
150	Conveyor, Exterior Stockout
0	Dust Suppression Tower
0	Pit, Reclaim (below ground) - 30 tons capacity
2	Reclaim Vibrator Feeder
40	Conveyor, Reclaim
0	Surge Hopper - 30 tons capacity

#### CONDITIONS:

1. The equipment listed on this permit shall be used to supply solid fuel to the exterior fuel storage area and to transfer fuel from this area to the normal coal reclaim system, under valid District permit B000521.

[District Regulation XIII - NSR]

Fee Schedule: 1 (b)

Rating: 192bhp

SIC: 1474

SCC: 30510103

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.

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By: **COPY**  
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Air Pollution Control Officer

2.Exterior emergency solid fuel storage shall be compacted and chemically sealed to prevent fugitive particulate emissions. Before using this fuel, except on an emergency basis, District approval is required.  
[District Rules 401 and 403]

3.Not more than 320,000 tons of exterior solid fuel may be consumed during any three year period. In addition, during a twelve consecutive month period in which all exterior solid fuel handling operations fugitive sources are dust suppressed with water at a 0.32 gallon per square yard rate, not more than 160,000 tons of exterior solid fuel from the "ACE Long Term Storage Pile" may be consumed. Exterior solid fuel used for emergency purposes and/or coal purchased specifically for test burns shall not be included in this limit.  
[District Regulation XIII - NSR; District Rules 401 and 403]

4.This equipment may be used to make and operate an open coal pile directly from a train.  
[District Regulation XIII - NSR]

5.Interim use of an exterior coal pile shall comply with District Regulation IV. Sufficient water and sprays in operable condition shall be maintained. If the pile is not to be used for a 48 hour period, it is to be moved to an outside storage pile. The pile shall be compacted and chemically sealed.  
[District Regulation IV]

6.All conveyors systems shall be fully enclosed. Water spray systems shall be provided and fully operating whenever conveyor systems are transferring solid fuel.  
[District Regulation XIII - NSR]

7.Vehicle traffic areas associated with this permit shall be watered not less frequently than once every hour when exterior solid fuel stocking and reclaiming is occurring, except during emergency and test burn fuel handling when the minimum watering frequency shall be once every 3.5 hours.  
[District Regulation XIII - NSR]

8.The owner/operator shall maintain an operational log current and on-site for this operation for at least five (5) years, and this log shall be provided to District, State and Federal personnel upon request. The log shall include, but not be limited to:  
(a) Total monthly use of exterior solid fuel in tons, the source pile of the fuel, and the reason for the use of the fuel;  
(b) Date and amount of fuel (in tons) transferred to exterior storage;  
(c) Daily dust suppression watering frequency (applications per hour) and rate (in gallons per square yard) during any exterior solid fuel handling; and,  
(d) Date and nature of any exterior pile chemical sealing activity.  
[District Rule 204]