



**MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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**PERMIT TO OPERATE**

B003672

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:**

DRYER SYSTEM NO. 1 MONOHYDRATE FLUIDIZED BED consisting of: NOTE: This process and control(s) are an affected facility under 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO and commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after August 31, 1983, but before April 22, 2008.

**EQUIPMENT**

Capacity	Equipment Description
0	Dryer, Monohydrate Fluidized Bed - steam heated
0	Dehydrator, Monohydrate Fluidized Bed - steam
300	Fan, Dryer Fluidizing
700	Fan, Dehydrator Fluidizing
60	Screw, Dryer Mixing
15	Screw, Dryer Feed
25	Dryer Feed Screw
3	Valve, Dryer Recycle Rotary
1.5	Valve, Dryer Crusher Rotary
5	Valve, Cooler Rotary
5	Cooler, Rotary Dump Valve
10	Crusher, Dryer Lump

Fee Schedule: 1 (d)      Rating: 1894.5bhp      SIC: 1474      SCC: 30102106      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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 Trona, CA 93592-0367

By: **COPY**  
 Brad Poiriez  
 Air Pollution Control Officer

Capacity	Equipment Description
15	Elevator, Dryer Recycle
375	Centrifuges (3 @ 125 hp ea)
25	Conveyor, Dryer Collecting
50	Conveyor, Transfer
20	Conveyor, Surge Bin Feeder
0	Filter, DSM Screen (3)
250	Pump, DSM Screen Feed
10	Pump, Mono Dryer Condensate (1 spare)
15	Pump, High Pressure Condensate (2 @ 15 hp ea - 1 spare)
10	Pump, Mono Cooler Cooling Water

## CONDITIONS:

1.Operation of this equipment shall be conducted in compliance with data and specifications submitted with the application under which this permit is issued unless otherwise noted below.

[District Rule 204]

2.The owner/operator shall operate and maintain this equipment in strict accord to the recommendations of the manufacturer/supplier and/or sound engineering principles.

[District Rule 204]

3.This fluidized bed monohydrate dryer system (No. 1) shall not be operated unless all conveyors and transfer points are completely covered.

[District Rules 401 and 403; Rules 404 and 405]

4.This monohydrate fluidized bed dryer system (No. 1) shall not be operated unless vented to all the following functioning pollution control devices:

- (a) Dryer-Dehydrator Baghouse (District permit C003673)
- (b) Transfer Conveyor #1 Baghouse (District permit C003675)
- (c) Transfer Conveyor #2 Baghouse (District permit C003676)
- (d) Transfer Conveyor #3 Baghouse (District permit C003677)

[District Rule 204]

5.All three of the monohydrate dryers (listed on B000537, B000538 and B000547) and their associated conveyor systems may be operated concurrently with this equipment.

[District Rule 204]

6.This equipment (uncontrolled emission points) shall not discharge into the atmosphere an exhaust stream that exhibits greater than the following opacity:

- (a) Crusher - fifteen (15) percent (40 CFR 60.672(b) - Table 3)
- (b) Transfer into initial feed hopper - twenty (20) percent (Rule 401)
- (c) All other transfer points and fugitive emission points - ten (10) percent (40 CFR 60.672(b) - Table 3).

[District Rule 401; 40 CFR 60.672(b)]

7.If any transfer point on a conveyor belt or any other affected facility is enclosed in a building, then each enclosed affected facility must comply with the opacity limit in condition 4(c) above, or the building enclosing the affected facility or facilities must comply with the following emission limits:

- (a) Fugitive emissions from the building openings (except for vents as defined in subsection 60.671) must not exceed seven (7) percent opacity; and
- (b) Vents (as defined in subsection 60.671) in the building must meet the applicable stack emission limits and compliance requirements in Table 2 of 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOO.

[40 CFR 60.672(e)]

8.This equipment shall be operated in compliance with 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOO - Standard of Performance for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants.  
[40 CFR 60, Subparts A and OOO]