



# MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

B014168

If construction is not completed by the expiration date of this permit, it may be renewed for one additional year upon payment of applicable fees. Any additional extension will require the written approval of the Air Pollution Control Officer. This Authority to Construct may serve as a temporary Permit to Operate provided the APCO is given prior notice of intent to operate and the Permit to Operate is not specifically denied.

**EXPIRES LAST DAY OF: FEBRUARY 2027**

### OWNER OF OPERATOR (Co.#2349)

MP Mine Operations LLC  
67750 Bailey Road  
Mountain Pass, CA 92366

### EQUIPMENT LOCATION (Fac.#364)

Mountain Pass Mine  
67750 Bailey Road  
Mountain Pass, CA 92366

#### Description:

CONCENTRATE DRYING CONVEYANCE SYSTEM consisting of:

#### EQUIPMENT

Capacity	Equipment Description
2	531-D15-RV03 Rotary Dryer Discharge Airlock
0	531-D15-DV01 Rotary Dryer Upset Diverter
10	531-D15-CV03 Rotary Dryer Upset Discharge Screw
10	531-D15-CV04 Rotary Dryer Discharge Incline Transfer Screw
7.5	531-D15-BE01 Rotary Dryer Discharge Bucket Elevator
3	531-D15-CV05 Dried Product Bin Feed Screw
0	531-D15-BN01 Dried Product Bin with passive bin vent required to meet 99.9% control efficiency
0	531-D15-SA01 Dried Product Bin Load Scale
40	531-D15-CV06 Dried Product Bin Discharge Screw Feeder
10	531-D15-CV07 Dried Product Incline Transfer Screw 1
10	531-D15-CV08 Dried Product Incline Transfer Screw 2
0	531-D15-SAMP02 Dried Product Bin Product Sampler
0	531-D15-SAMP01 Rotary Dryer Discharge Product Sampler
0	531-D15-DV02 Dried Product Bin Diverter

Fee Schedule: 1 (b)

Rating: 88 bhp

SIC: 1099

SCC: 30510199

Location/UTM(Km):  
634E/3926N

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.

MP Mine Operations LLC  
1700 S. Pavilion Center Drive, 8th Floor  
Las Vegas, NV 89135

By: **COPY**  
Eldon Heaston  
Air Pollution Control Officer

Capacity	Equipment Description
5	531-D15-CV13 Dry Bin Discharge Upset Screw

**CONDITIONS:**

1. This equipment shall be installed, operated and maintained in strict accordance with those recommendations of the manufacturer/supplier and/or sound engineering principles which produce the minimum emissions of contaminants. Unless otherwise noted, this equipment shall also be operated in accordance with all data and specifications submitted with the application for this permit. [District Rules 204 and 1302]

2. There shall be no visible emissions from this material handling equipment. To demonstrate compliance with this opacity limitation the owner/operator shall conduct a monthly 6-minute visible emissions evaluation on each emission point and fugitive emission point associated with this equipment in accordance with USEPA Method 22. The evaluation must be conducted while the affected source is in operation. [District Rules 204, 401, 402, and 403]

3. Throughput from this equipment may not exceed 190,773 tons/year. [District Rule 1303 - Offsets]

4. All conveying equipment shall be fully enclosed. The only equipment venting to atmosphere is the passive bin vent associated with the dried product bin vent. The passive bin vent shall be equipped with filters which meet 99.9% control efficiency of particulates at the operating conditions specified in the equipment description (BACT). [District Rule 1303 - BACT]

5. In the event that opacity is observed during the USEPA Method 22, the owner/operator must shut down the affected equipment and take corrective action to preclude any further emissions. Upon restarting the affected equipment, the owner/operator must conduct a USEPA Method 22 to demonstrate that the corrective action taken was sufficient. Equipment breakdowns resulting in violation and/or shutdown shall be reported to the District in accordance with District Rule 430. [District Rules 401, 403 and 430]

6. A pressure differential gauge shall be installed and maintained on this unit to measure the pressure differential across the filters. In operation, the pressure differential shall be kept between 3.5 and 6 inches water column. [District Rule 1303 - BACT]

7. Bags shall be polyester felt and meet the Parker QP007 minimum specifications as submitted with the application for this permit. [District Rule 1303 - BACT]

8. The owner/operator shall maintain on-site, as a minimum, an inventory of replacement bags/filters that assures compliance these conditions. [District Rule 1303 - BACT]

9. The owner/operator, o/o, shall conduct the following minimum program of inspection/maintenance:  
a. Monthly visible emissions determinations; results logged;  
b. Weekly readings and recording of the pressure differential across the filter;  
c. Quarterly inspections of the bin vent filter; inspections, replacements and repairs logged.  
Items a, b, and c shall be logged. The log shall be maintained current, on-site for a minimum of 5 years and provided to District personnel on request.

10. Actual missions from this facility shall be less than the following:  
a. 42 tons per year of NOx [Rule 1303(B)]

- b. 46 tons per year of PM10 [Rule 1303(B)]
  - c. 25 tons per year of VOC
  - d. 25 tons per year of SOx
  - e. 100 tons per year of CO, calculated on a rolling twelve-month basis
  - f. 10 tons per year for any single HAP and 25 tons per year for any combination of HAPs calculated on a rolling twelve-month basis.
- HAPs are defined in 40 CFR 61.01 and are the chemical compounds listed in section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act (Act). Compliance with the annual emission limits shall be demonstrated via 12 month rolling sum for CO and HAP via annual emission inventory reports for all criteria pollutants and HAP.
- [District Rule 1303]

11. A facility wide Comprehensive Emission Inventory (CEI) for all emitted criteria and toxic air pollutants must be submitted to the District, in a format approved by the District, upon District request.

[District Rule 107(b); H&S Code 39607 & 44341-44342; and 40 CFR 51, Subpart A]