



**MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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

C003670

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:**

BAGHOUSE (BICARB FB DRYER NO. 1 TRANSFER CONVEYOR NO.3) consisting of: a Gas flow of 1500 ACFM @ 138 degrees F.  
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.

**CONDITIONS:**

1. The maximum grain loading in the stack of this baghouse shall not exceed 0.022 grains per dscf and the emissions of particulates (PM) shall not exceed 0.20 pounds per hour.  
[40 CFR 60.672(a) - Table 2]
2. This baghouse shall not discharge into the atmosphere an exhaust stream that exhibits greater than seven (7) percent opacity.  
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3. The owner/operator shall operate/maintain this equipment in strict accord with recommendations of the manufacturer and/or sound engineering practices.  
[District Rule 204]

Fee Schedule: 7 (h)

Rating: 1 device

SIC: 1474

SCC: 30504021

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**  
**Eldon Heaston**  
Air Pollution Control Officer

4. The operating instructions shall be immediately available for use by the operator and provided to District, state or federal personnel upon request.

[District Rule 204]

5. This equipment shall be operated concurrently with the Bicarbonate Fluidized Bed Dryer System No. 1 covered in District permit B003665.

[District Rule 204]

6. The owner/operator shall have a continuing program of maintenance/inspections in accord with manufacturer's recommendations and specifications which ensures compliance with District Rules. This program shall include, but not be limited to, regular opacity readings, pressure differential measurements, and maintenance inspections. Logging of these data, as well as the monthly throughput of the system of process controlled, shall be required with the log kept on-site for a minimum of five (5) years. This log shall be provided to District, state or federal personnel upon request.

[District Rule 204]

7. 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). Testing shall be conducted at least once every (60) sixty months starting in 2001.

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)]

8. This equipment, and the equipment covered by the following valid permits, shall not emit to the atmosphere PM10 (at a 0.85 fraction of TSP) in excess of 115 tons per year combined (verified through source tests and production records on a rolling twelve month summary basis): C000126, C000127, C000527, C000529, C000532, C000533, C000539, C000543, C000544, C000545, C000548, C000549, C000552, C000553, C000556, C002354, C002355, C003533, C003534, C003667, C003668, C003669, C003670, C003673, C003675, C003676, C003677, C004542, C004543, C004544.

[District Rule 1303(B) - Offsets]