



MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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PERMIT TO OPERATE

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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: 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:

CAUSTIC SCRUBBER consisting of: a Duall, model FW303, which is fed from Ce-96 Scrubber Solution Tank (District permit B002171) and serves the three Feed Preparation Tanks in the Feed Preparation Circuit of the Specialty Plant (B002172). Its specifications are as follow: Air Flow Rate: 6,000 CFM at ambient temperatures; 240 gal sump tank; 400 gal caustic solution collecting tank. The emissions stack is 29 in diameter and 50 ft high.

CONDITIONS:

1. This scrubber shall operate concurrently with the equipment described as the Feed Preparation Tanks under valid District permit B002372.

2. The owner/operator, o/o, shall conduct the following minimum program of inspection/maintenance:

- a. Weekly readings and recording of the pressure differential across the scrubber;
- b. Monthly visible emissions determinations, VEE results logged;
- c. Water pressures, flow rates, and pH.

The above frequencies may be changed upon successful demonstration to the District that less stringent monitoring is equally effective. Items a, b, and c shall be logged. The log shall be maintained current, on-site for a minimum of five (5) years and provided to District personnel on request.

Fee Schedule: 7 (h)

Rating: 1 device

SIC: 1099

SCC: 99999999

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.

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

3. Regular emissions testing for demonstration of compliance with District rules 404 and 405 is not required. The District may require emissions testing at its discretion.

4. The o/o shall operate and maintain this scrubber in strict accord with the recommendations of the manufacturer/supplier.

5. Mountain Pass Mine Voluntary Emissions Limit/Synthetic Minor Hazardous Air Pollutant Limits:

(a). General Limits for Entire Facility. The total emissions for the Mountain Pass Mine shall be less than 25 tons per year of VOC. The total emissions of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) for the Mountain Pass Mine shall not exceed 7 tons per year for any single HAP and 18 tons per year for any combination of HAPs calculated on an annual basis. HAPs are defined in 40 CFR 61.01 Lists of pollutants and are the chemical compounds listed in section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act (Act).

(b). Monitoring, Periodic Monitoring & Recordkeeping Conditions. To prove compliance with condition (a) above, permittee shall maintain usage records of all VOC- and HAP-containing solvent materials. Such records shall be compiled into an annual usage report and total HAP emissions from solvent operations shall be added to the annual HAP emissions from fuel burning and other HAP emitting equipment. Annual HAP/VOC emissions from fuel burning and other emitting equipment for purposes of this condition shall be determined by use of HAP/VOC emissions factors (as set forth by District approved emission factors), or by annual actual emissions as determined by source test of the equipment, or by methods and emission factors established in an approved comprehensive Emission Inventory Plan (CEIP).

[40 CFR 70.6 (a)(3)(i)(B) - Periodic Monitoring Requirements]

[Rule 204 - Permit Conditions; Version in SIP = CARB Ex. Order G-73, 40 CFR 52.220(c)(39)(ii)(B) - 11/09/78 43 FR 52237; Current Rule Version = 07/25/77]

[California Clean Air Act, Health and Safety Code \S\S39607 and \S\S44300 et seq., and the Federal Clean Air Act, \S110(a)(2)(F)(ii), codified in 40 CFR 60 Subpart Q]