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PUBLIC NOTICE

December 2, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection (“MassDEP”), acting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 111, Section 142A through 142E, will offer for public comment the following Draft Operating Permit issued pursuant to 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C.

The Draft Operating Permit (Renewal) for Specialty Minerals, Inc. is being issued in accordance with 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C(6). The purpose of the Operating Permit (Renewal) is to codify all of the facility's applicable requirements under the state and federal Clean Air Act, including monitoring, record keeping requirements and emission limitations, into a renewable Operating Permit. This action is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as stated in its final rule approving the Department's Operating Permit program (Federal Register Vol. 61, No. 95 Wednesday May 15, 1996).

The draft Operating Permit (Renewal) is for:

City/Town:	Adams
Facility Name	Specialty Minerals, Inc.
Applicant	Brian Hart, EH&S Engineer
Location	260 Columbia Street, Adams, MA
eplace Application No.:	25-AQ14-0002-REN
Proposed Action	Air Quality Operating Permit Renewal

The Renewal Application and draft Operating Permit Renewal are available on the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/>. * The Renewal Application, MassDEP’s proposed decision, and the administrative record also are available for inspection at MassDEP’s Office at the above letterhead address. Comments may be submitted via the Public Access Portal, via electronic mail to marc.simpson@mass.gov, or via mail to the letterhead address above.

The Public Comment period will extend until **January 2, 2026**. Under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A and 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C(6)(f), a public hearing may be requested by any person by submitting a written request to the Regional Office, stating the nature of the issues to be raised at a public hearing. Based on the written request, MassDEP will determine if a public hearing will be held, and a 30-day written notice will be given. The duration of the public comment period shall automatically extend to the close of the public hearing as provided for at 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C(6)(g).

Comments may be presented in writing until 5:00 PM on **January 2, 2026**. Please submit a written testimony via electronic mail or regular mail to:

Department of Environmental Protection
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436 Dwight Street—5th floor
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103
Attention: Marc Simpson, Permit Chief
Email: marc.simpson@mass.gov

(* On the Main page, click on the orange “Search and/ or Comment” button and click on the application you wish to review or comment on.)

By Order of MassDEP
Bonnie Heiple