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July 11, 2016

Mr. Vance Rowe, Operations Manager
Specialty Minerals, Inc.
35 Highland Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Dear Mr. Rowe:

Thank you and your staff for your assistance with the site visit and inspection at Specialty Minerals Inc., Camas (SMI Camas) on May 25, 2016. The purpose of the visit was to verify the wastewater system and operations needed for the upcoming renewal of SMI Camas' State Waste Discharge Permit ST-6103. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) also reviewed the wastewater system for compliance with the permit.

Enclosed with this letter is the inspection report containing a summary of Ecology's findings. If you have questions, please contact me at 360-407-6064 or ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ha Tran, P.E.
Industrial Section, Pulp and Paper Unit
Washington State Department of Ecology

Enclosure



State of Washington Department of Ecology
Industrial Section
Water Compliance Inspection Report

Section A

State Permit Number	ST 6 1 0 3	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IUs <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Effective Date February 1, 2012
Recon <input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> with Samples	Unpermitted <input type="checkbox"/>	Land Application <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Expiration Date February 1, 2017

Section B

Name and Location of Facility Inspected Specialty Minerals Inc. Camas 220 NW 6 th Ave Camas, WA 98607	County Clark	Entry Time 9:45 AM
	Inspection Date May 25, 2016	Exit Time 11:30 AM
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s) Mr. Vance Rowe	Title(s) North American Operations Manager	Phone Number(s) (610) 393-0952
Name, Address of Responsible Official Jeffrey Weeks 35 Highland Avenue Bethlehem, WA 18017	Phone Not provided	Announced? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Title Vice President/Chief Financial Officer	

Section C

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

S	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment	S	Operations/Maint.
N	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedules	S	Sludge Disposal
S	Facility Site Review	N	Effluent/Receiving Waters	S	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Other:

Section D Summary of Findings

Purpose of the inspection: The purpose of the inspection was to review site operations at Specialty Minerals, Inc. Camas (SMI Camas). The information will be used to process and renew SMI Camas' State Waste Discharge ST-6103.

Findings: The wastewater system and operations at SMI Camas are consistent with the information in the permit renewal application. The facility operates a contact cooling tower for the CO₂ gas scrubber; water was leaking from a pipe at the cooling tower and dripping onto the concrete pad. There was some water overflowing the pad and puddling on the paved surface. The water had the potential to flow southwest down the hill onto exposed soil.

Recommended Actions: Ecology recommended that SMI Camas contain the flow from the cooling tower leak (e.g. sandbags or other means) to prevent flow to the ground. Ecology also communicated that repair of the leak should be initiated as soon as possible.

I also recommended that the facility update their site map.

Follow-up: SMI Camas staff Cathy Boudreaux notified Ecology that the facility contained the area with some pigging materials, then completed the repairs on June 3, 2016. Ecology requires no further action with regards to the cooling tower.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Ha Tran, P.E.	Section/Phone Number Industrial / (360) 407-6064	Date 7/11/16
Signature of Reviewer Stephanie Ogle, P.E.	Section/Phone Number Industrial / (360) 407-6355	Date 7/11/16