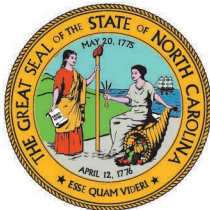


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Environmental Quality

XXXXX xx, 2023

Mr. Michael Yarborough  
General Manager  
The Quartz Corp USA – KT Mica  
PO Box 309  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777

SUBJECT: Air Quality Permit No. 04314T13  
Facility ID: 6100016  
The Quartz Corp USA – KT Mica  
Spruce Pine, North Carolina  
Mitchell County  
Fee Class: Title V  
PSD Class: Minor Source

Dear Mr. Yarborough:

In accordance with your completed Air Quality Permit Application Renewal of your Title V permit, we are forwarding herewith Air Quality Permit No. 04314T13 authorizing the construction and operation, of the emission source(s) and associated air pollution control device(s) specified herein. Additionally, any emissions activities determined from your Air Quality Permit Application as being insignificant per 15A North Carolina Administrative Code 02Q .0503(8) have been identified as such in the permit. Please note the requirements for the annual compliance certification are contained in General Condition P in Section 4. The current owner is responsible for submitting a compliance certification for the entire year regardless of who owned the facility during the year.

As the designated responsible official it is your responsibility to review, understand, and abide by all of the terms and conditions of the attached permit. It is also your responsibility to ensure that any person who operates any emission source and associated air pollution control device subject to any term or condition of the attached permit reviews, understands, and abides by the condition(s) of the attached permit that are applicable to that particular emission source.

If any parts, requirements, or limitations contained in this Air Quality Permit are unacceptable to you, you have the right to file a petition for contested case hearing in the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings. Information regarding the right, procedure, and time limit for permittees and other persons aggrieved to file such a petition is contained in the attached "Notice Regarding the Right to Contest A Division of Air Quality Permit Decision."

The construction of new air pollution emission source(s) and associated air pollution control device(s), or modifications to existing emission source(s) and air pollution control device(s) described in this permit must be covered under an Air Quality Permit issued by the Division of Air Quality prior to construction unless the Permittee has fulfilled the requirements of NCGS 143-215.108A(b) and received written approval from the Director of the Division of Air Quality to commence construction. Failure to receive an Air Quality Permit or written approval prior to commencing construction is a violation of NCGS



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143-215.108A and may subject the Permittee to civil or criminal penalties as described in NCGS 143-215.114A and 143-215.114B.

Mitchell County has not triggered increment tracking under PSD for any pollutants, so no tracking is required.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jacob Larson at 919-707-8407 or [jacob.larson@deq.nc.gov](mailto:jacob.larson@deq.nc.gov).

Sincerely yours,

Mark J. Cuilla, EIT, CPM, Chief, Permitting Section  
Division of Air Quality, NCDEQ

Enclosure

c: Brad Akers, EPA Region 4  
Laserfiche [6100016]  
Connie Horne (cover letter only)

**NOTICE REGARDING THE RIGHT TO CONTEST A DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT  
DECISION**

**Right of the Permit Applicant or Permittee to File a Contested Case:** Pursuant to NCGS 143-215.108(e), a permit applicant or permittee who is dissatisfied with the Division of Air Quality's decision on a permit application may commence a contested case by filing a petition under NCGS 150B-23 in the Office of Administrative Hearings within 30 days after the Division notifies the applicant or permittee of its decision. If the applicant or permittee does not file a petition within the required time, the Division's decision on the application is final and is not subject to review. The filing of a petition will stay the Division's decision until resolution of the contested case.

**Right of Other Persons Aggrieved to File a Contested Case:** Pursuant to NCGS 143-215.108(e1), a person other than an applicant or permittee who is a person aggrieved by the Division's decision on a permit application may commence a contested case by filing a petition under NCGS 150B-23 within 30 days after the Division provides notice of its decision on a permit application, as provided in NCGS 150B-23(f), or by posting the decision on a publicly available Web site. The filing of a petition under this subsection does not stay the Division's decision except as ordered by the administrative law judge under NCGS 150B-33(b).

**General Filing Instructions:** A petition for contested case hearing must be in the form of a written petition, conforming to NCGS 150B-23, and filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh NC, 27609, along with a fee in an amount provided in NCGS 150B-23.2. A petition for contested case hearing form may be obtained upon request from the Office of Administrative Hearings or on its website at <https://www.oah.nc.gov/hearings-division/filing/hearing-forms>. Additional specific instructions for filing a petition are set forth at 26 NCAC Chapter 03.

**Service Instructions:** A party filing a contested case is required to serve a copy of the petition, by any means authorized under 26 NCAC 03 .0102, on the process agent for the Department of Environmental Quality:

William F. Lane, General Counsel  
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality  
1601 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1601

If the party filing the petition is a person aggrieved other than the permittee or permit applicant, the party **must also** serve the permittee in accordance with NCGS 150B-23(a).

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Additional information is available at <https://www.oah.nc.gov/hearings-division/hearing-process/filing-contested-case>. Please contact the OAH at 984-236-1850 or [oah.postmaster@oah.nc.gov](mailto:oah.postmaster@oah.nc.gov) with all questions regarding the filing fee and/or the details of the filing process.

## Summary of Changes to Permit

The following changes were made to Air Permit No. 04314T12:\*

Page No.	Section	Description of Changes
Cover and throughout	Throughout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated all tables, dates, and permit revision numbers.</li> </ul>
3	Cover Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added “Notice Regarding the Right to Contact a Division of Air Quality Permit Decision”</li> </ul>
2	Table of Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added section 3.0 as “Insignificant Activities List”</li> <li>Added section 4.0 as “ General Permit Conditions”</li> </ul>
3	List of Acronyms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added “List of Acronyms”</li> </ul>
4	Section 1 Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected typographical error, changing “No. 2 fuel oil-fired” to “natural gas-fired” for the description of ES-1</li> </ul>
4	Section 1 Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed ES-15, ES-16 and ES-21 from emission source table</li> </ul>
5-12	Section 2.1 and 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed ES-15, ES-16 and ES-21 from emission source list and all applicable regulations</li> </ul>
8	Section 2.1(A)(4)(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Emission Limitations for clarity</li> </ul>
8	Section 2.1(A)(4)(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Monitoring requirement for clarity</li> </ul>
8	Section 2.1(A)(4)(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Recordkeeping requirement for clarity</li> </ul>
11	Section 2.2(B)(2)(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Testing requirement for clarity</li> <li>Removed requirement for permittee to submit application to amend permit post emission test</li> </ul>
13	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added Insignificant Activities as Section 3 of the Title V Permit</li> </ul>
13	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added ES-15, ES-16, and ES-21 to insignificant activities list</li> </ul>
13	Section 3 Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed “additional information link” in footnote of the Insignificant Activities Table” because referenced site no longer exist on the website. Insignificant Activities table added as Section 3 of the permit.</li> </ul>
14-26	General Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added General Conditions version 7.0, 08/21/2023 as Section 4 of the Title V Permit</li> </ul>

\* This list is not intended to be a detailed record of every change made to the permit but a summary of those changes.



State of North Carolina  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Air Quality

## AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Permit No.	Replaces Permit No.(s)	Effective Date	Expiration Date
04314T13	04314T12	XXXX	XXXX

NOTE: Per General Condition K, a permit application for the renewal of this Title V permit shall be submitted no later than **[enter date six months prior to expiration date]**.

Until such time as this permit expires or is modified or revoked, the below named Permittee is permitted to construct and operate the emission source(s) and associated air pollution control device(s) specified herein, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and limitations within this permit. This permit is issued under the provisions of Article 21B of Chapter 143, General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, and Title 15A North Carolina Administrative Codes (15A NCAC), Subchapters 02D and 02Q, and other applicable Laws.

Pursuant to Title 15A NCAC, Subchapter 02Q, the Permittee shall not construct, operate, or modify any emission source(s) or air pollution control device(s) without having first submitted a complete Air Quality Permit Application to the permitting authority and received an Air Quality Permit, except as provided in this permit.

**Permittee:** The Quartz Corp USA - KT Mica  
**Facility ID:** 6100016  
**Primary SIC Code:** 3295 / Minerals, Grounds or Treated  
**NAICS Code:** 327992 / Ground or Treated Mineral and Earth Manufacturing

**Facility Site Location:** 722 Altapass Highway  
**City, County, State, Zip:** Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, North Carolina 28777  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 309  
**City, State, Zip:** Spruce Pine, North Carolina 28777

**Application Number(s):** 6100016.22A  
**Complete Application Date(s):** 11/22/2022

**Division of Air Quality,**  
**Regional Office Address:** Ashville Regional Office  
2090 Highway 70  
Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778

Permit issued this the XX day of XXXXX, XXXX.

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Mark J. Cuilla, EIT, CPM, Chief, Air Permitting Section  
By Authority of the Environmental Management Commission

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## List of Acronyms

<b>AOS</b>	Alternative Operating Scenario
<b>BACT</b>	Best Available Control Technology
<b>BAE</b>	Baseline Actual Emissions
<b>Btu</b>	British thermal unit
<b>CAA</b>	Clean Air Act
<b>CAM</b>	Compliance Assurance Monitoring
<b>CEMS</b>	Continuous Emission Monitoring System
<b>CEDRI</b>	Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CO</b>	Carbon Monoxide
<b>COMS</b>	Continuous Opacity Monitoring System
<b>CSAPR</b>	Cross-State Air Pollution Rule
<b>DAQ</b>	Division of Air Quality
<b>DEQ</b>	Department of Environmental Quality
<b>EMC</b>	Environmental Management Commission
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Agency
<b>FR</b>	Federal Register
<b>GACT</b>	Generally Available Control Technology
<b>GHGs</b>	Greenhouse Gases
<b>HAP</b>	Hazardous Air Pollutant
<b>LAER</b>	Lowest Achievable Emission Rate
<b>MACT</b>	Maximum Achievable Control Technology
<b>NAA</b>	Non-Attainment Area
<b>NAAQS</b>	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
<b>NAICS</b>	North American Industry Classification System
<b>NCAC</b>	North Carolina Administrative Code
<b>NCGS</b>	North Carolina General Statutes
<b>NESHAP</b>	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	Nitrogen Oxides
<b>NSPS</b>	New Source Performance Standard
<b>NSR</b>	New Source Review
<b>OAH</b>	Office of Administrative Hearings
<b>PAE</b>	Projected Actual Emissions
<b>PAL</b>	Plantwide Applicability Limitation
<b>PM</b>	Particulate Matter
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	Particulate Matter with Nominal Aerodynamic Diameter of 2.5 Micrometers or Less
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	Particulate Matter with Nominal Aerodynamic Diameter of 10 Micrometers or Less
<b>POS</b>	Primary Operating Scenario
<b>PSD</b>	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
<b>PTE</b>	Potential to Emit
<b>RACT</b>	Reasonably Available Control Technology
<b>SIC</b>	Standard Industrial Classification
<b>SIP</b>	State Implementation Plan
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	Sulfur Dioxide
<b>TAP</b>	Toxic Air Pollutant
<b>tpy</b>	Tons Per Year
<b>VOC</b>	Volatile Organic Compound

## SECTION 1- PERMITTED EMISSION SOURCE(S) AND ASSOCIATED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICE(S) AND APPURTENANCES

The following table contains a summary of all permitted emission sources and associated air pollution control devices and appurtenances:

Emission Source ID No.	Emission Source Description	Control Device ID No.	Control Device Description
<b>Lightweight aggregate kilns and associated air pollution control equipment</b>			
ES-1 <b>CAM</b>	one natural gas-fired rotary mica dryer (7.5 tons per hour maximum production rate; 6.05 million Btu per hour maximum heat input rate)	CD-1	pulse jet bagfilter (3,825 square feet of filter area)
ES-17	one railcar loading station (5.0 tons per hour maximum loading rate)	CD-5	pulse jet bagfilter (80 square feet of filter area)
<b>Sources venting to the three pulse jet bagfilters (ID Nos. CD-2, CD-3, and CD-4):</b>			
ES-2, ES-3 and ES-4	three jet grinding mills (2.5 tons per hour maximum production rate; 5.0 tons per hour total maximum combined production capacity)	CD-2, CD-3, and CD-4	three pulse jet bagfilters installed in parallel (1,600 square feet of filter area, each)
ES-6 and ES-7	two bulk loading storage bins (5 tons per hour maximum loading rate)		
ES-10	one oversize screw conveyor (1.25 tons per hour maximum process rate)		
ES-11	one finished product elevator (5 tons per hour maximum process rate)		
ES-13	one St. Regis bagger and feed bin (5 tons per hour maximum process rate)		
ES-14 <b>NSPS OOO</b>	one bagger No. 2 and feed bin (5 tons per hour maximum process rate)		
ES-19	one super-sack loading system (5.0 tons per hour maximum loading rate)		
ES-20 <b>NSPS OOO</b>	one oversize elevator		



## SECTION 2 - SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

### 2.1- Emission Source(s) and Control Devices(s) Specific Limitations and Conditions

A. The emission source(s) and associated air pollution control device(s) and appurtenances listed below are subject to the following specific terms, conditions, and limitations, including the testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements as specified herein:

- **One natural gas-fired rotary mica dryer (ID No. ES-1) with one pulse jet bagfilter (ID No. CD-1)**
- **One railcar loading station (ID No. ES-17) with one pulse jet bagfilter (ID No. CD-5)**

**Sources venting to the three pulse jet bagfilters (ID Nos. CD-2, CD-3, and CD-4):**

- **Three jet grinding mills (ID Nos. ES-2, ES-3 and ES-4);**
- **Two bulk loading storage bins (ID Nos. ES-6 and ES-7);**
- **One oversize screw conveyor (1.25 tons per hour maximum process rate; ID No. ES-10)**
- **One finished product elevator (ID No. ES-11)**
- **One St. Regis bagger and feed bin (ID No. ES-13)**
- **One bagger No. 2 and feed bin (ID No. ES-14)**
- **One super-sack loading system (ID No. ES-19)**
- **One oversize elevator (ID No. ES-20)**

The following table provides a summary of limits and standards for the emission source(s) described above:

Regulated Pollutant	Limits/Standards	Applicable Regulation
Particulate matter	Particulate matter emissions that are discharged from any chimney, stack, vent, or outlet shall not exceed allowable emission rates: $E = 4.00 * (P)^{0.677}$ for P ≤ 30 tons/hr, or $E = 20.421 * (P)^{0.1977}$ for P > 30 tons/hr, but < 1,000 tons/hr, or $E = 38.147 * (P)^{0.1072}$ for P ≥ 1000 tons/hr, but < 3,000 tons/hr, or $E = 90.00 \text{ lbs/hr}$ for P ≥ 3,000 tons/hr where P is the process throughput rate in tons per hour (tons/hr) and E is the allowable emission rate in pounds per hour (lbs/hr)	15A NCAC 02D .0509
Particulate Matter	Compliance Assurance Monitoring 40 CFR 64	15A NCAC 02D .0614
Sulfur dioxide	2.3 pounds per million Btu <b>(ID Nos. ES-1)</b>	15A NCAC 02D .0516
Visible emissions	20 percent opacity <b>(ID Nos. ES-1 through ES-4, ES-6, ES-7, ES-10, ES-11, ES-ES-13, and ES-17 and ES-19)</b>	15A NCAC 02D .0521
NA	Reporting Only <b>(ID Nos. ES-14 and ES-20)</b>	15A NCAC 02D .0524 (NSPS Subpart OOO)

Regulated Pollutant	Limits/Standards	Applicable Regulation
Volatile organic compounds	248.98 tons per year (excluding VOC emissions from combustion) <b>Facility-Wide</b> See Section 2.2 B	15A NCAC 02Q. 0317: avoidance for 15A NCAC 02D .0530
Fugitive Non-process dust emissions	See Section 2.2 A	15A NCAC 02D .0540
Odorous emissions	See Section 2.2 B.	15A NCAC 02D .1806

**1. 15A NCAC 02D .0509: PARTICULATES FROM MICA OR FELDSPAR PROCESSING OPERATIONS**

- a. Emissions of particulate matter from these sources shall not exceed an allowable emission rate as calculated by the following equation: [15A NCAC 02D .0509(a)]

$$E = 4.00 * (P)^{0.677} \quad \text{for } P \leq 30 \text{ tons/hr, or}$$

$$E = 20.421 * (P)^{0.1977} \quad \text{for } P > 30 \text{ tons/hr, but } < 1,000 \text{ tons/hr, or}$$

$$E = 38.147 * (P)^{0.1072} \quad \text{for } P \geq 1000 \text{ tons/hr, but } < 3,000 \text{ tons/hr, or}$$

$$E = 90.00 \text{ lbs/hr} \quad \text{for } P \geq 3,000 \text{ tons/hr}$$

where P is the process throughput rate in tons per hour (tons/hr) and E is the allowable emission rate in pounds per hour (lbs/hr)

- b. Fugitive non-process dust emissions shall be controlled by Rule .0540 of this Section.
- c. The owner or operator of any mica or feldspar plant shall control process-generated emissions:
  - i. from crushers with wet suppression (not applicable), and
  - ii. from conveyors, screens, and transfer points, such that the applicable opacity standards in Rule .0521 or .0524, of this Section are not exceeded.

**Testing** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- d. If emissions testing is required, the testing shall be performed in accordance with General Condition JJ. If the results of this test are above the limit given in Section 2.1 A.1.a. above, the Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0509.

**Monitoring/Recordkeeping** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- e. For the controlled sources; particulate matter emissions from the rotary mica dryer, railcar loading station, jet grinding mills, oversize screw conveyor, finished product elevator, St. Regis bagger and feed bin, bagger No. 2 and feed bin, super-sack loading system, and oversize elevator (**ID Nos. ES-1, ES-2, ES-3 and ES-4, ES-10, ES-11, ES-13, ES-14, ES-19 and ES-20**) shall be controlled by bagfilters. To ensure compliance, the Permittee shall perform inspections and maintenance as recommended by the manufacturer. In addition to the manufacturer’s inspection and maintenance recommendations, or if there are no manufacturer’s inspection and maintenance recommendations, as a minimum, the inspection and maintenance requirement shall include the following:
  - i. a monthly visual inspection of the system ductwork and material collection unit for leaks; and
  - ii. an annual (for each 12-month period following the initial inspection) internal inspection of the bagfilter's structural integrity.

The Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0509 if the ductwork and bagfilters are not inspected and maintained.
- f. The results of inspection and maintenance shall be maintained in a logbook (written or electronic format) on-site and made available to an authorized representative upon request. The logbook shall record the following:

- i. the date and time of each recorded action;
- ii. the results of each inspection;
- iii. the results of any maintenance performed on the bagfilters; and
- iv. any variance from manufacturer's recommendations, if any, and corrections made.

The Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0509 if these records are not maintained.

**Reporting** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- g. The Permittee shall submit the results of any maintenance performed on the bagfilters within 30 days of a written request by the DAQ.
- h. The Permittee shall submit a summary report of monitoring and recordkeeping activities postmarked on or before January 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between July and December and July 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between January and June. All instances of deviations from the requirements of this permit must be clearly identified.

**2. 15A NCAC 02D .0516: SULFUR DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FROM COMBUSTION SOURCES**

- a. Emissions of sulfur dioxide from this source (**ID No. ES-1**) shall not exceed 2.3 pounds per million Btu heat input. Sulfur dioxide formed by the combustion of sulfur in fuels, wastes, ores, and other substances shall be included when determining compliance with this standard.

**Testing** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- b. If emissions testing is required, the testing shall be performed in accordance with General Condition JJ. If the results of this test are above the limit given in Section 2.1 A.2.a above, the Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0516.

**Monitoring/Recordkeeping/Reporting** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- c. No monitoring/recordkeeping/reporting is required for sulfur dioxide emissions from the firing of natural gas for this source.

**3. 15A NCAC 02D .0521: CONTROL OF VISIBLE EMISSIONS**

- a. Visible emissions from these sources (**ID Nos. ES-1 through ES-4, ES-6, ES-7, ES-10, ES-11, ES-13, ES-17, and ES-19**) shall not be more than 20 percent opacity when averaged over a six-minute period. However, six-minute averaging periods may exceed 20 percent not more than once in any hour and not more than four times in any 24-hour period. In no event shall the six-minute average exceed 87 percent opacity.

**Testing** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- b. If emissions testing is required, the testing shall be performed in accordance with General Condition JJ. If the results of this test are above the limit given in Section 2.1 A.3.a. above, the Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0521.

**Monitoring** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- c. i. To ensure compliance, once a week the Permittee shall observe the emission points of these sources (**ID Nos. ES-1 through ES-4, ES-6, ES-7, ES-10, ES-11, ES-13, ES-17, and ES-19**) for any visible emissions above normal. The weekly observation must be made for each week of the calendar year period to ensure compliance with this requirement. If visible emissions from these sources are observed to be above normal, the Permittee shall either:
  - (A) take appropriate action to correct the above-normal emissions as soon as practicable and within the monitoring period and record the action taken as provided in the recordkeeping requirements below, or
  - (B) demonstrate that the percent opacity from the emission points of the emission source in accordance with 15A NCAC 02D .2610 (Method 9) for 12 minutes is below the limit given in Section 2.1 A.3.a above.
- ii. The Permittee shall be deemed to be in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0521 if:
  - (A) the above-normal emissions are not corrected per c.i.(A) above;
  - (B) the demonstration in c.i.(B) above cannot be made; or
  - (C) the weekly observations are not conducted per c.i. above.

**Recordkeeping** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- d. The results of the monitoring shall be maintained in a logbook (written or electronic format) on-site and made available to an authorized representative upon request. The logbook shall record the following:

- i. the date and time of each recorded action;
- ii. the results of each observation and/or test noting those sources with emissions that were observed to be in noncompliance along with any corrective actions taken to reduce visible emissions; and
- iii. the results of any corrective actions performed.

The Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0521, if the above records are not maintained.

**Reporting** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- e. The Permittee shall submit a summary report of the monitoring and recordkeeping activities given in Section(s) 2.1 A.3.c and d postmarked on or before January 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between July and December and July 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between January and June. All instances of deviations from the requirements of this permit must be clearly identified.

**4. 15A NCAC 02D .0524: NSPS 40 CFR 60 SUBPART OOO**

- a. For the bagger No.2 and associated feed bin (**ID No. ES-14**) and the oversize elevator (**ID No. ES-20**), the Permittee shall comply with all applicable provisions, including the notification, testing, reporting, recordkeeping, and monitoring requirements contained in Environmental Management Commission Standard 15A NCAC 02D .0524 "New Source Performance Standards" (NSPS) as promulgated in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO, including Subpart A "General Provisions." [15A NCAC 02D .0524]

**Emissions Limitations** - [15A NCAC 02D .0524]

- b. No emission limitations are required for NSPS from these sources (**ID No. ES-14 and ES-20**).

**Testing** [15A NCAC 02D .0508(f)]

- c. If emissions testing is required, the testing shall be performed in accordance with 15A NCAC 02D .2601 and General Condition JJ. If the results of this test are above the limit given in Section 2.1 C.3. a. above, the Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0524.

**Monitoring** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- d. No monitoring is required for NSPS from these sources (**ID No. ES-14 and ES-20**).

**Recordkeeping** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- e. No recordkeeping is required for NSPS from these sources (**ID No. ES-14 and ES-20**).

**Reporting** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- f. **Like-For-Like-Replacement** - As provided in 40 CFR 60.670(d), when an existing facility is replaced by a piece of equipment of equal or smaller size, as defined in 40 CFR 60.671, having the same function as the existing facility, the new facility is exempt from the provisions of 40 CFR 60.672, 60.674, and 60.675 except as provided for in 60.670(d)(3). The Permittee shall comply with the reporting requirements of 40 CFR 60.676(a). Equipment covered under 40 CFR 60.670 shall comply with the requirements of 15A NCAC 02D .0521.

The Permittee shall submit a summary report of the observations postmarked on or before January 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between July and December and July 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between January and June. All instances of deviations from the requirements of this permit must be clearly identified.

**5. 15A NCAC 02D .0614 COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE MONITORING**

- a. Pursuant to 40 CFR 64 and 15A NCAC 02D .0614, the Permittee shall comply with the following.

b. **Background**

- i. Emission unit: one natural gas fired rotary mica dryer (7.5 tons per hour maximum production rate; 6.05 million Btu per hour maximum heat input rate; **ID No. ES-1**)
- ii. Applicable regulation: 15A NCAC 02D .0509  
Emissions limits: Emissions of particulate matter from these sources shall not exceed an allowable emission rate (02D .0509, particulate matter)

- c. Control technology: bagfilter (**ID No. CD-1**)

**Monitoring Approach**

The key elements of the monitoring approach are presented in the following table:

Indicator	Pressure drop
<b>Measurement Approach</b>	Pressure drop ( $\Delta P$ ) across the bagfilter is measured with a differential pressure gauge
<b>Indicator Range</b>	An excursion is defined as a pressure drop greater than 5.0" H <sub>2</sub> O or less than 0.5" H <sub>2</sub> O. Excursions trigger an inspection, corrective action, and a reporting requirement.
<b>Bypass</b>	If the pressure drop falls below 0.5" H <sub>2</sub> O, the possibility of bypass is investigated
<b>QIP threshold</b>	Instantaneous $\Delta P$ readings outside range 3 times within a six-month period
<b>Performance Criteria, Data Representativeness</b>	Pressure taps are located at the bagfilter inlet and outlet. The gauge has an indicator range from 0.5 to 5.0 inches of water and has an accuracy of plus or minus 2 percent of full scale, and 70°F. The actual temperature of the monitored exhaust will vary depending on seasonal changes
<b>Verification of Operational Status</b>	N/A
<b>QA/QC Practices and Criteria</b>	The pressure gauge is calibrated semi-annually. Pressure taps are checked for plugging daily.
<b>Monitoring frequency</b>	$\Delta P$ is monitored continuously while the bagfilter is in operation.
<b>Data collection procedure</b>	$\Delta P$ is manually recorded daily.
<b>Averaging period</b>	N/A

**Reporting** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f), 40CFR 64.9]

- d. The Permittee shall submit a summary report of all monitoring and record keeping activities postmarked on or before January 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between July and December and July 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between January and June. All instances of deviations from the requirements of this permit must be clearly identified.

The report shall also include the following information, as applicable:

- i. Summary information on the number, duration and cause (including unknown cause, if applicable) of excursions or exceedances, as applicable, and the corrective actions taken;
- ii. Summary information on the number, duration and cause (including unknown cause, if applicable) for monitor downtime incidents (other than downtime associated with zero and span or other daily calibration checks, if applicable); and
- iii. A description of the actions taken to implement a QIP during the reporting period as specified in 40 CFR 64.8. Upon completion of a QIP, the owner or operator shall include in the next summary report documentation that the implementation of the plan has been completed and reduced the likelihood of similar levels of excursions or exceedances occurring.

## 2.2 Multiple Emission Source(s) Specific Limitations and Conditions

### A. Non-process fugitive dust emission sources

The following table provides a summary of limits and standards for the emission source(s) described above:

Regulated Pollutant	Limits/Standards	Applicable Regulation
Fugitive Non-Process Dust Emissions	fugitive non-process dust emissions shall not cause or contribute to substantive complaints	15A NCAC 02D .0540

#### 1. 15A NCAC 02D .0540: PARTICULATES FROM FUGITIVE NON-PROCESS DUST EMISSION SOURCES

- a. For the purpose of this Rule the following definitions shall apply:
  - i. "Fugitive non-process dust emission" means particulate matter that is not collected by a capture system and is generated from areas such as pit areas, process areas, haul roads, stockpiles, and plant roads.
  - ii. "Substantive complaints" means complaints that are verified with physical evidence acceptable to the DAQ.
- b. The Permittee shall not cause or allow fugitive non-process dust emissions to cause or contribute to substantive complaints.
- c. If fugitive non-process dust emissions from a facility, required to comply with this Rule, cause or contribute to substantive complaints, the Permittee shall:
  - i. within 30 days upon receipt of written notification from the Director of a second substantive complaint in a 12-month period, submit to the Director a written description of what has been done and what will be done to reduce fugitive non-process dust emissions from that part of the facility that caused the second substantive complaint;
  - ii. within 90 days of receipt of written notification from the Director of a second substantive complaint in a 12-month period, submit to the Director a control plan as described in Paragraph (e) of this Rule; and
  - iii. within 30 days after the Director approves the plan, be in compliance with the plan.
- d. The Director may require that the Permittee develop and submit a fugitive non-process dust control plan as described in Paragraph e. of this Rule if:
  - i. Ambient air quality measurements or dispersion modeling acceptable to the DAQ show violation or a potential for a violation of an ambient air quality standard for particulates in 15A NCAC 02D .0400 "Ambient Air Quality Standards;" or
  - ii. If the DAQ observes excessive fugitive non-process dust emissions from the facility beyond the property boundaries.  

The control plan shall be submitted to the Director no later than 90 days after notification. The facility shall be in compliance with the plan within 30 days after the Director approves the plan.
- e. The fugitive dust control plan shall:
  - i. Identify the sources of fugitive non-process dust emissions within the facility;
  - ii. Describe how fugitive non-process dust will be controlled from each identified source;
  - iii. Contain a schedule by which the plan will be implemented;
  - iv. Describe how the plan will be implemented, including training of facility personnel; and
  - v. Describe methods to verify compliance with the plan.
- f. The Director shall approve the plan if he finds that:
  - i. The plan contains all required elements in Paragraph (e) of this Rule;
  - ii. The proposed schedule contained in the plan will reduce fugitive non-process dust emissions in a timely manner;
  - iii. The methods used to control fugitive non-process dust emissions are sufficient to prevent fugitive non-process dust emissions from causing or contributing to a violation of the ambient air quality standards for particulates; and
  - iv. The described compliance verification methods are sufficient to verify compliance with the plan.

If the Director finds that the proposed plan does not meet the requirements of this Paragraph, he shall notify the Permittee of any deficiencies in the proposed plan. The Permittee shall have 30 days after receiving written notification from the Director to correct the deficiencies.
- g. If after a plan has been implemented, the Director finds that the plan inadequately controls fugitive non-process dust emissions; he shall require the Permittee to correct the deficiencies in the plan. Within 90 days after receiving written notification from the Director identifying the deficiency, the Permittee shall submit a revision to his plan to correct the deficiencies.

- h. The Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0540 if a control plan is not submitted within the prescribed time or the facility does not comply with a control plan.

**B. Facility-Wide Emission Sources**

The following table provides a summary of limits and standards for the emission source(s) described above:

Regulated Pollutant	Limits/Standards	Applicable Regulation
Odors	odorous emissions must be controlled; <b>State-enforceable only</b>	15A NCAC 02D .1806
Volatile Organic Compounds	248.98 tons per year (excluding VOC emissions from combustion)	15A NCAC 02Q. 0317: avoidance for 15A NCAC 02D .0530

**STATE-ONLY REQUIREMENT**

**1. 15A NCAC 02D .1806: CONTROL AND PROHIBITION OF ODOROUS EMISSIONS**

- a. the Permittee shall not operate the facility without implementing management practices or installing and operating odor control equipment sufficient to prevent odorous emissions from the facility from causing or contributing to objectionable odors beyond the facility's boundary.

**2. 15A NCAC 02Q. 0317: “Avoidance Conditions for 15A NCAC 02D .0530: PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION**

- a. The facility-wide (including mica storage, handling and processing) emissions of VOC shall not exceed 248.98 tons per year of volatile organic compounds (excluding combustion) [15A NCAC 02D .0530]

**Testing** [15A NCAC 02Q .2601]

- b. If emissions testing is required, the Permittee shall perform such testing in accordance with General Condition JJ. If the results of this test are above the limits given in Section 2.2 B.2.a above, the Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0530.
- c. The Permittee shall test once per five-year permit period to establish a facility-wide emissions factor based on the measurement of the diesel fuel content of the mica at the point mica is brought on-site and after the grinding mills. The difference between the two concentrations shall be used to calculate the quantity of VOC emitted to the atmosphere. The VOC emissions factor shall be based on the most recent material analyses performed. The testing shall be completed and results submitted by November 2023 and then no later than sixty (60) months from the previous due date. The Permittee shall submit an application to amend the permit within 60 days of the acceptance of the factor derived from the last emissions test. The Permittee shall comply with all general testing requirements and reporting requirements pursuant to General Condition JJ. The Permittee shall complete all testing in accordance with the testing protocol provided to and approved by DAQ. If testing is not completed as provided above the Permittee shall be deemed in noncompliance with 15A NCAC 02D .0530

**Monitoring/Recordkeeping** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- d. Under the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-215.108, the Permittee shall demonstrate compliance with the facility-wide VOC emission limit as follows:

Potential Facility-wide VOC Emissions

Potential Facility-wide VOC Emissions (ton/yr)

= Potential Dry Throughput (ton/yr) X Emissions Factor (ton VOC/ton dry throughput)

Actual Rolling 12-Month Facility-wide VOC Emissions

12-month Facility-wide VOC Emissions (ton/yr)

$$= \sum \text{Dry throughput (ton/ month) X Emission Factor (ton VOC/ton dry throughput)}$$

**Monitoring/Recordkeeping** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- e. Calculations of VOC emissions per month shall be made at the end of each month using the equations in Section 2.2 B.2.d above. The Permittee shall monitor and record in a logbook the amount (dry throughput) of VOC containing materials processed per month and the established VOC emissions factor.
- f. Calculations and the total amount of VOC emissions shall be recorded monthly in a logbook (written or electronic format).

**Reporting** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]

- g. The Permittee shall submit a semi-annual summary report, acceptable to the Regional Air Quality Supervisor, of monitoring and recordkeeping activities postmarked on or before January 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between July and December, and July 30 of each calendar year for the preceding six-month period between January and June. The report shall contain the following:
  - i. The monthly VOC emissions for the previous 14 months. The emissions must be calculated for each of the 12-month periods over the previous 14 months; and
  - ii. All instances of deviations from the requirements of this permit must be clearly identified.



**SECTION 3 - INSIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES PER 15A NCAC 02Q .0503(8)**

**Insignificant Activities Pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0503(8)**

Source ID No.	Source Description
I-1	one natural gas-fired mill air preheater (2.5 MMBtu/hr heat input) for the grinding mills
I-2	totally enclosed emission sources that do not vent, including three dry storage bins, screens, screw conveyors, and elevators
I-4	one diesel storage tank (275 gallon capacity)
I-5	one mica screw conveyor
IES-15	One mica storage pit / truck dump
IES-16	One mica dryer feed hopper
IES-21	One K mica shed

<sup>1</sup> Because an activity is insignificant does not mean that the activity is exempted from an applicable requirement (Federal or State) or that the Permittee is exempted from demonstrating compliance with any applicable requirement.

<sup>2</sup> When applicable, emissions from stationary source activities identified above shall be included in determining compliance with the permit requirements for toxic air pollutants under 15A NCAC 02D .1100 "Control of Toxic Air Pollutants" or 02Q .0711 "Emission Rates Requiring a Permit."

## SECTION 4 - GENERAL CONDITIONS (version 7.0, 08/21/2023)

This section describes terms and conditions applicable to this Title V facility.

- A. **General Provisions** [NCGS 143-215 and 15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(16)]
1. Terms not otherwise defined in this permit shall have the meaning assigned to such terms as defined in 15A NCAC 02D and 02Q.
  2. The terms, conditions, requirements, limitations, and restrictions set forth in this permit are binding and enforceable pursuant to NCGS 143-215.114A and 143-215.114B, including assessment of civil and/or criminal penalties. Any unauthorized deviation from the conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for revocation and/or enforcement action by the DAQ.
  3. This permit is not a waiver of or approval of any other Department permits that may be required for other aspects of the facility which are not addressed in this permit.
  4. This permit does not relieve the Permittee from liability for harm or injury to human health or welfare, animal or plant life, or property caused by the construction or operation of this permitted facility, or from penalties therefore, nor does it allow the Permittee to cause pollution in contravention of state laws or rules, unless specifically authorized by an order from the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission.
  5. Except as identified as state-only requirements in this permit, all terms and conditions contained herein shall be enforceable by the DAQ, the EPA, and citizens of the United States as defined in the Federal Clean Air Act.
  6. Any stationary source of air pollution shall not be operated, maintained, or modified without the appropriate and valid permits issued by the DAQ, unless the source is exempted by rule. The DAQ may issue a permit only after it receives reasonable assurance that the installation will not cause air pollution in violation of any of the applicable requirements. A permitted installation may only be operated, maintained, constructed, expanded, or modified in a manner that is consistent with the terms of this permit.
- B. **Permit Availability** [15A NCAC 02Q .0507(k) and .0508(i)(9)(B)]  
The Permittee shall have available at the facility a copy of this permit and shall retain for the duration of the permit term one complete copy of the application(s) and any information submitted in support of the application package. The permit and application shall be made available to an authorized representative of Department of Environmental Quality upon request.
- C. **Severability Clause** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(2)]  
In the event of an administrative challenge to a final and binding permit in which a condition is held to be invalid, the provisions in this permit are severable so that all requirements contained in the permit, except those held to be invalid, shall remain valid and must be complied with.
- D. **Submissions** [15A NCAC 02Q .0507(e) and 02Q .0508(i)(16)]  
Except as otherwise specified herein, two copies of all documents, reports, test data, monitoring data, notifications, request for renewal, and any other information required by this permit shall be submitted to the appropriate Regional Office. Refer to the Regional Office address on the cover page of this permit. For continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) reports, continuous opacity monitoring systems (COMS) reports, quality assurance (QA)/quality control (QC) reports, acid rain CEM certification reports, and NOx budget CEM certification reports, one copy shall be sent to the appropriate Regional Office and one copy shall be sent to:
- Supervisor, Stationary Source Compliance  
North Carolina Division of Air Quality  
1641 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1641
- All submittals shall include the facility name and Facility ID number (refer to the cover page of this permit).
- E. **Duty to Comply** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(3)]  
The Permittee shall comply with all terms, conditions, requirements, limitations and restrictions set forth in this permit. Noncompliance with any permit condition except conditions identified as state-only requirements constitutes a violation of the Federal Clean Air Act. Noncompliance with any permit condition is grounds for enforcement action, for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification, or for denial of a permit renewal application.

F. **Circumvention** - STATE ENFORCEABLE ONLY

The facility shall be properly operated and maintained at all times in a manner that will effect an overall reduction in air pollution. Unless otherwise specified by this permit, no emission source may be operated without the concurrent operation of its associated air pollution control device(s) and appurtenances.

G. **Title V Permit Modifications**

1. Administrative Permit Amendments [15A NCAC 02Q .0514]  
The Permittee shall submit an application for an administrative permit amendment in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0514.
2. Transfer in Ownership or Operation and Application Submittal Content [15A NCAC 02Q .0524 and 02Q .0505]  
The Permittee shall submit an application for an ownership change in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q.0524 and 02Q .0505.
3. Minor Permit Modifications [15A NCAC 02Q .0515]  
The Permittee shall submit an application for a minor permit modification in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0515.
4. Significant Permit Modifications [15A NCAC 02Q .0516]  
The Permittee shall submit an application for a significant permit modification in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0516.
5. Reopening for Cause [15A NCAC 02Q .0517]  
The Permittee shall submit an application for reopening for cause in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0517.

H. **Changes Not Requiring Permit Modifications**

1. Reporting Requirements [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)]  
Any of the following that would result in new or increased emissions from the emission source(s) listed in Section 1 must be reported to the Regional Supervisor, DAQ:
  - a. changes in the information submitted in the application;
  - b. changes that modify equipment or processes; or
  - c. changes in the quantity or quality of materials processed.If appropriate, modifications to the permit may then be made by the DAQ to reflect any necessary changes in the permit conditions. In no case are any new or increased emissions allowed that will cause a violation of the emission limitations specified herein.
2. Section 502(b)(10) Changes [15A NCAC 02Q .0523(a)]
  - a. "Section 502(b)(10) changes" means changes that contravene an express permit term or condition. Such changes do not include changes that would violate applicable requirements or contravene federally enforceable permit terms and conditions that are monitoring (including test methods), recordkeeping, reporting, or compliance certification requirements.
  - b. The Permittee may make Section 502(b)(10) changes without having the permit revised if:
    - i. the changes are not a modification under Title I of the Federal Clean Air Act;
    - ii. the changes do not cause the allowable emissions under the permit to be exceeded;
    - iii. the Permittee notifies the Director and EPA with written notification at least seven days before the change is made; and
    - iv. the Permittee shall attach the notice to the relevant permit.
  - c. The written notification shall include:
    - i. a description of the change;
    - ii. the date on which the change will occur;
    - iii. any change in emissions; and
    - iv. any permit term or condition that is no longer applicable as a result of the change.
  - d. Section 502(b)(10) changes shall be made in the permit the next time that the permit is revised or renewed, whichever comes first.
3. Off Permit Changes [15A NCAC 02Q .0523(b)]  
The Permittee may make changes in the operation or emissions without revising the permit if:
  - a. the change affects only insignificant activities and the activities remain insignificant after the change; or
  - b. the change is not covered under any applicable requirement.
4. Emissions Trading [15A NCAC 02Q .0523(c)]  
To the extent that emissions trading is allowed under 15A NCAC 02D, including subsequently adopted maximum achievable control technology standards, emissions trading shall be allowed without permit revision pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0523(c).

**I.A. Reporting Requirements for Excess Emissions** [15A NCAC 02D .0535(f) and 02Q .0508(f)(2)]

1. “Excess Emissions” - means an emission rate that exceeds any applicable emission limitation or standard allowed by any rule in Sections .0500, .0900, .1200, or .1400 of Subchapter 02D; or by a permit condition; or that exceeds an emission limit established in a permit issued under 15A NCAC 02Q .0700. (*Note: Definitions of excess emissions under 02D .1110 and 02D .1111 shall apply where defined by rule.*)
2. If a source is required to report excess emissions under NSPS (15A NCAC 02D .0524), NESHAPS (15A NCAC 02D .1110 or .1111), or the operating permit provides for periodic (e.g., quarterly) reporting of excess emissions, reporting shall be performed as prescribed therein.
3. If the source is not subject to NSPS (15A NCAC 02D .0524), NESHAPS (15A NCAC 02D .1110 or .1111), or these rules do NOT define "excess emissions," the Permittee shall report excess emissions in accordance with 15A NCAC 02D .0535 as follows:
  - a. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 02D .0535, if excess emissions last for more than four hours resulting from a malfunction, a breakdown of process or control equipment, or any other abnormal condition, the owner or operator shall:
    - i. notify the Regional Supervisor or Director of any such occurrence by 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time of the Division's next business day of becoming aware of the occurrence and provide:
      - name and location of the facility;
      - nature and cause of the malfunction or breakdown;
      - time when the malfunction or breakdown is first observed;
      - expected duration; and
      - estimated rate of emissions;
    - ii. notify the Regional Supervisor or Director immediately when corrective measures have been accomplished; and
    - iii. submit to the Regional Supervisor or Director within 15 days a written report as described in 15A NCAC 02D .0535(f)(3).

**I.B. Reporting Requirements for Permit Deviations** [15A NCAC 02D .0535(f) and 02Q .0508(f)(2)]

1. “Permit Deviations” - for the purposes of this condition, any action or condition not in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit including those attributable to upset conditions as well as excess emissions as defined above lasting less than four hours.
2. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f)(2), the Permittee shall report deviations from permit requirements (terms and conditions) quarterly by notifying the Regional Supervisor or Director of all other deviations from permit requirements not covered under 15A NCAC 02D .0535. A written report to the Regional Supervisor shall include the probable cause of such deviation and any corrective actions or preventative actions taken. The responsible official shall certify all deviations from permit requirements.

**I.C. Other Requirements under 15A NCAC 02D .0535**

The Permittee shall comply with all other applicable requirements contained in 15A NCAC 02D .0535, including 15A NCAC 02D .0535(c) as follows:

1. Any excess emissions that do not occur during start-up and shut-down shall be considered a violation of the appropriate rule unless the owner or operator of the sources demonstrates to the Director that the excess emissions are a result of a malfunction. The Director shall consider, along with any other pertinent information, the criteria contained in 15A NCAC 02D .0535(c)(1) through (7).
2. 15A NCAC 02D .0535(g). Excess emissions during start-up and shut-down shall be considered a violation of the appropriate rule if the owner or operator cannot demonstrate that excess emissions are unavoidable.

**J. RESERVED**

**K. Permit Renewal** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(e) and 02Q .0513(b)]

This 15A NCAC 02Q .0500 permit is issued for a fixed term not to exceed five years and shall expire at the end of its term. Permit expiration terminates the facility's right to operate unless a complete 15A NCAC 02Q .0500 renewal application is submitted at least six months before the date of permit expiration. If the Permittee or applicant has complied with 15A NCAC 02Q .0512(b)(1), this 15A NCAC 02Q .0500 permit shall not expire until the renewal permit has been issued or denied. Permit expiration under 15A NCAC 02Q .0400 terminates the facility's right to operate unless a complete 15A NCAC 02Q .0400 renewal application is submitted at least six months before the date of permit expiration for facilities subject to 15A NCAC 02Q .0400 requirements. In either of these events, all terms and conditions of these permits shall remain in effect until the renewal permits have been issued or denied.

L. **Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(4)]

It shall not be a defense for a Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

M. **Duty to Provide Information (submittal of information)** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(9)]

1. The Permittee shall furnish to the DAQ, in a timely manner, any reasonable information that the Director may request in **writing** to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating the permit or to determine compliance with the permit.
2. The Permittee shall furnish the DAQ copies of records required to be kept by the permit when such copies are requested by the Director. For information claimed to be confidential, the Permittee may furnish such records directly to the EPA upon request along with a claim of confidentiality.

N. **Duty to Supplement** [15A NCAC 02Q .0507(f)]

The Permittee, upon becoming aware that any relevant facts were omitted or incorrect information was submitted in the permit application, shall promptly submit such supplementary facts or corrected information to the DAQ. The Permittee shall also provide additional information as necessary to address any requirement that becomes applicable to the facility after the date a complete permit application was submitted but prior to the release of the draft permit.

O. **Retention of Records** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(f) and 02Q .0508(l)]

The Permittee shall retain records of all required monitoring data and supporting information for a period of at least five years from the date of the monitoring sample, measurement, report, or application. Supporting information includes all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip-chart recordings for continuous monitoring information, and copies of all reports required by the permit. These records shall be maintained in a form suitable and readily available for expeditious inspection and review. Any records required by the conditions of this permit shall be kept on site and made available to DAQ personnel for inspection upon request.

P. **Compliance Certification** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(n)]

The Permittee shall submit to the DAQ and the EPA (Air Enforcement Branch, EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 or through the EPA CEDRI) postmarked on or before March 1 a compliance certification (for the preceding calendar year) by a responsible official with all terms and conditions in the permit (including emissions limitations, standards, or work practices), except for conditions identified as being State-enforceable Only. It shall be the responsibility of the current owner to submit a compliance certification for the entire year regardless of who owned the facility during the year. The compliance certification shall comply with additional requirements as may be specified under Sections 114(a)(3) or 504(b) of the Federal Clean Air Act. The compliance certification shall specify:

1. the identification of each term or condition of the permit that is the basis of the certification;
2. the compliance status (with the terms and conditions of the permit for the period covered by the certification);
3. whether compliance was continuous or intermittent;
4. the method(s) used for determining the compliance status of the source during the certification period;
5. each deviation and take it into account in the compliance certification; and
6. as possible exceptions to compliance, any periods during which compliance is required and in which an excursion or exceedance as defined under 40 CFR Part 64 (CAM) occurred.

Q. **Certification by Responsible Official** [15A NCAC 02Q .0520]

A responsible official shall certify the truth, accuracy, and completeness of any application form, report, or compliance certification required by this permit. All certifications shall state that based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate, and complete.

R. **Permit Shield for Applicable Requirements** [15A NCAC 02Q .0512]

1. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit shall be deemed compliance with applicable requirements, where such applicable requirements are included and specifically identified in the permit as of the date of permit issuance.
2. A permit shield shall not alter or affect:
  - a. the power of the Commission, Secretary of the Department, or Governor under NCGS 143-215.3(a)(12), or EPA under Section 303 of the Federal Clean Air Act;
  - b. the liability of an owner or operator of a facility for any violation of applicable requirements prior to the effective date of the permit or at the time of permit issuance;
  - c. the applicable requirements under Title IV; or

- d. the ability of the Director or the EPA under Section 114 of the Federal Clean Air Act to obtain information to determine compliance of the facility with its permit.
3. A permit shield does not apply to any change made at a facility that does not require a permit or permit revision made under 15A NCAC 02Q .0523.
4. A permit shield does not extend to minor permit modifications made under 15A NCAC 02Q .0515.

S. **Termination, Modification, and Revocation of the Permit** [15A NCAC 02Q .0519]

The Director may terminate, modify, or revoke and reissue this permit if:

1. the information contained in the application or presented in support thereof is determined to be incorrect;
2. the conditions under which the permit or permit renewal was granted have changed;
3. violations of conditions contained in the permit have occurred;
4. the EPA requests that the permit be revoked under 40 CFR 70.7(g) or 70.8(d); or
5. the Director finds that termination, modification, or revocation and reissuance of the permit is necessary to carry out the purpose of NCGS Chapter 143, Article 21B.

T. **Insignificant Activities** [15A NCAC 02Q .0503]

Because an emission source or activity is insignificant does not mean that the emission source or activity is exempted from any applicable requirement or that the owner or operator of the source is exempted from demonstrating compliance with any applicable requirement. The Permittee shall have available at the facility at all times and made available to an authorized representative upon request, documentation, including calculations, if necessary, to demonstrate that an emission source or activity is insignificant.

U. **Property Rights** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(8)]

This permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property or any exclusive privileges.

V. **Inspection and Entry** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(l) and NCGS 143-215.3(a)(2)]

1. Upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, the Permittee shall allow the DAQ, or an authorized representative, to perform the following:
  - a. enter the Permittee's premises where the permitted facility is located or emissions-related activity is conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of the permit;
  - b. have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that are required to be kept under the conditions of the permit;
  - c. inspect at reasonable times and using reasonable safety practices any source, equipment (including monitoring and air pollution control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under the permit; and
  - d. sample or monitor substances or parameters, using reasonable safety practices, for the purpose of assuring compliance with the permit or applicable requirements at reasonable times.

Nothing in this condition shall limit the ability of the EPA to inspect or enter the premises of the Permittee under Section 114 or other provisions of the Federal Clean Air Act.

2. No person shall refuse entry or access to any authorized representative of the DAQ who requests entry for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials, nor shall any person obstruct, hamper, or interfere with any such authorized representative while in the process of carrying out his official duties. Refusal of entry or access may constitute grounds for permit revocation and assessment of civil penalties.

W. **Annual Fee Payment** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(10)]

1. The Permittee shall pay all fees in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0200.
2. Payment of fees may be by check or money order made payable to the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality. Annual permit fee payments shall refer to the permit number.
3. If, within 30 days after being billed, the Permittee fails to pay an annual fee, the Director may initiate action to terminate the permit under 15A NCAC 02Q .0519.

X. **Annual Emission Inventory Requirements** [15A NCAC 02Q .0207]

The Permittee shall report by **June 30 of each year** the actual emissions of each air pollutant listed in 15A NCAC 02Q .0207(a) from each emission source within the facility during the previous calendar year. The report shall be in or on such form as may be established by the Director. The accuracy of the report shall be certified by a responsible official of the facility.

- Y. **Confidential Information** [15A NCAC 02Q .0107 and 02Q .0508(i)(9)]  
Whenever the Permittee submits information under a claim of confidentiality pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0107, the Permittee may also submit a copy of all such information and claim directly to the EPA upon request. All requests for confidentiality must be in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0107.
- Z. **Construction and Operation Permits** [15A NCAC 02Q .0100 and .0300]  
A construction and operating permit shall be obtained by the Permittee for any proposed new or modified facility or emission source which is not exempted from having a permit prior to the beginning of construction or modification, in accordance with all applicable provisions of 15A NCAC 02Q .0100 and .0300.
- AA. **Standard Application Form and Required Information** [15A NCAC 02Q .0505 and .0507]  
The Permittee shall submit applications and required information in accordance with the provisions of 15A NCAC 02Q .0505 and .0507.
- BB. **Financial Responsibility and Compliance History** [15A NCAC 02Q .0507(d)(3)]  
The DAQ may require an applicant to submit a statement of financial qualifications and/or a statement of substantial compliance history.
- CC. **Refrigerant Requirements (Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Protection)** [15A NCAC 02Q .0501(d)]
  1. If the Permittee has appliances or refrigeration equipment, including air conditioning equipment, which use Class I or II ozone-depleting substances such as chlorofluorocarbons and hydrochlorofluorocarbons listed as refrigerants in 40 CFR Part 82 Subpart A Appendices A and B, the Permittee shall service, repair, and maintain such equipment according to the work practices, personnel certification requirements, and certified recycling and recovery equipment specified in 40 CFR Part 82 Subpart F.
  2. The Permittee shall not knowingly vent or otherwise release any Class I or II substance into the environment during the repair, servicing, maintenance, or disposal of any such device except as provided in 40 CFR Part 82 Subpart F.
  3. The Permittee shall comply with all reporting and recordkeeping requirements of 40 CFR 82.166. Reports shall be submitted to the EPA or its designee as required.
- DD. **Prevention of Accidental Releases - Section 112(r)** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(h)]  
If the Permittee is required to develop and register a Risk Management Plan with EPA pursuant to Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act, then the Permittee is required to register this plan in accordance with 40 CFR Part 68.
- EE. **National Emission Standards Asbestos – 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M** [15A NCAC 02D .1110]  
The Permittee shall comply with all applicable standards for demolition and renovation activities pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M. The permittee shall not be required to obtain a modification of this permit in order to perform the referenced activities.
- FF. **Title IV Allowances** [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(1)]  
This permit does not limit the number of Title IV allowances held by the Permittee, but the Permittee may not use allowances as a defense to noncompliance with any other applicable requirement. The Permittee's emissions may not exceed any allowances that the facility lawfully holds under Title IV of the Federal Clean Air Act.
- GG. **Air Pollution Emergency Episode** [15A NCAC 02D .0300]  
Should the Director of the DAQ declare an Air Pollution Emergency Episode, the Permittee will be required to operate in accordance with the Permittee's previously approved Emission Reduction Plan or, in the absence of an approved plan, with the appropriate requirements specified in 15A NCAC 02D .0300.
- HH. **Registration of Air Pollution Sources** [15A NCAC 02D .0202]  
The Director of the DAQ may require the Permittee to register a source of air pollution. If the Permittee is required to register a source of air pollution, this registration and required information will be in accordance with 15A NCAC 02D .0202(b).
- II. **Ambient Air Quality Standards** [15A NCAC 02D .0501(c)]  
In addition to any control or manner of operation necessary to meet emission standards specified in this permit, any source of air pollution shall be operated with such control or in such manner that the source shall not cause the ambient air quality standards in 15A NCAC 02D .0400 to be exceeded at any point beyond the premises on which the source is located. When controls more stringent than named in the applicable emission standards in this permit are required to prevent violation of

the ambient air quality standards or are required to create an offset, the permit shall contain a condition requiring these controls.

**JJ. General Emissions Testing and Reporting Requirements [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(16)]**

Emission compliance testing shall be by the procedures of Section .2600, except as may be otherwise required in Rules .0524, .1110, or .1111 of Subchapter 02D. If emissions testing is required by this permit or the DAQ or if the Permittee submits emissions testing to the DAQ to demonstrate compliance for emission sources subject to Rules .0524, .1110, or .1111, the Permittee shall provide and submit all notifications, conduct all testing, and submit all test reports in accordance with the requirements of 15A NCAC 02D .0524, .1110, or .1111, as applicable. Otherwise, if emissions testing is required by this permit or the DAQ or if the Permittee submits emissions testing to the DAQ to demonstrate compliance, the Permittee shall perform such testing in accordance with 15A NCAC 02D .2600 and follow the procedures outlined below:

1. The owner or operator of the source shall arrange for air emission testing protocols to be provided to the Director prior to air pollution testing. Testing protocols are not required to be pre-approved by the Director prior to air pollution testing. The Director shall review air emission testing protocols for pre-approval prior to testing if requested by the owner or operator at least **45 days** before conducting the test.
2. Any person proposing to conduct an emissions test to demonstrate compliance with an applicable standard shall notify the Director at least **15 days** before beginning the test so that the Director may at his option observe the test.
3. The owner or operator of the source shall arrange for controlling and measuring the production rates during the period of air testing. The owner or operator of the source shall ensure that the equipment or process being tested is operated at the production rate that best fulfills the purpose of the test. The individual conducting the emission test shall describe the procedures used to obtain accurate process data and include in the test report the average production rates determined during each testing period.
4. Two copies of the final air emission test report shall be submitted to the Director not later than **30 days** after sample collection unless otherwise specified in the specific conditions. The owner or operator may request an extension to submit the final test report. The Director shall approve an extension request if he finds that the extension request is a result of actions beyond the control of the owner or operator.
  - a. The Director shall make the final determination regarding any testing procedure deviation and the validity of the compliance test. The Director may:
    - i. Allow deviations from a method specified under a rule in this Section if the owner or operator of the source being tested demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director that the specified method is inappropriate for the source being tested.
    - ii. Prescribe alternate test procedures on an individual basis when he finds that the alternative method is necessary to secure more reliable test data.
    - iii. Prescribe or approve methods on an individual basis for sources or pollutants for which no test method is specified in 15A NCAC 02D .2600 if the methods can be demonstrated to determine compliance of permitted emission sources or pollutants.
  - b. The Director may authorize the DAQ to conduct independent tests of any source subject to a rule in 15A NCAC 02D to determine the compliance status of that source or to verify any test data submitted relating to that source. Any test conducted by the Division of Air Quality using the appropriate testing procedures described in 15A NCAC 02D .2600 has precedence over all other tests.

**KK. Reopening for Cause [15A NCAC 02Q .0517]**

1. A permit shall be reopened and revised under the following circumstances:
  - a. additional applicable requirements become applicable to a facility with remaining permit term of three or more years;
  - b. additional requirements (including excess emission requirements) become applicable to a source covered by Title IV;
  - c. the Director or EPA finds that the permit contains a material mistake or that inaccurate statements were made in establishing the emissions standards or other terms or conditions of the permit; or
  - d. the Director or EPA determines that the permit must be revised or revoked to assure compliance with the applicable requirements.
2. Any permit reopening shall be completed or a revised permit issued within 18 months after the applicable requirement is promulgated. No reopening is required if the effective date of the requirement is after the expiration of the permit term unless the term of the permit was extended pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0513(c).
3. Except for the state-enforceable only portion of the permit, the procedures set out in 15A NCAC 02Q .0507, .0521, or .0522 shall be followed to reissue the permit. If the State-enforceable only portion of the permit is reopened, the procedures in 15A NCAC 02Q .0300 shall be followed. The proceedings shall affect only those parts of the permit for which cause to reopen exists.



4. The Director shall notify the Permittee at least 60 days in advance of the date that the permit is to be reopened, except in cases of imminent threat to public health or safety the notification period may be less than 60 days.
5. Within 90 days, or 180 days if the EPA extends the response period, after receiving notification from the EPA that a permit needs to be terminated, modified, or revoked and reissued, the Director shall send to the EPA a proposed determination of termination, modification, or revocation and reissuance, as appropriate.

**LL. Reporting Requirements for Non-Operating Equipment [15A NCAC 02Q .0508(i)(16)]**

The Permittee shall maintain a record of operation for permitted equipment noting whenever the equipment is taken from and placed into operation. When permitted equipment is not in operation, the requirements for testing, monitoring, and recordkeeping are suspended until operation resumes.

**MM. Fugitive Dust Control Requirement [15A NCAC 02D .0540]**

As required by 15A NCAC 02D .0540 "Particulates from Fugitive Dust Emission Sources," the Permittee shall not cause or allow fugitive dust emissions to cause or contribute to substantive complaints or excess visible emissions beyond the property boundary. If substantive complaints or excessive fugitive dust emissions from the facility are observed beyond the property boundaries for six minutes in any one hour (using Reference Method 22 in 40 CFR, Appendix A), the owner or operator may be required to submit a fugitive dust plan as described in 02D .0540(f).

"Fugitive dust emissions" means particulate matter from process operations that does not pass through a process stack or vent and that is generated within plant property boundaries from activities such as: unloading and loading areas, process areas, stockpiles, stock pile working, plant parking lots, and plant roads (including access roads and haul roads).

**NN. Specific Permit Modifications [15A NCAC 02Q .0501 and .0523]**

1. For modifications made pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0501(b)(2), the Permittee shall file a Title V Air Quality Permit Application for the air emission source(s) and associated air pollution control device(s) on or before 12 months after commencing operation.
2. For modifications made pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0501(c)(2), the Permittee shall not begin operation of the air emission source(s) and associated air pollution control device(s) until a Title V Air Quality Permit Application is filed and a construction and operation permit following the procedures of Section .0500 (except for Rule .0504 of this Section) is obtained.
3. For modifications made pursuant to 502(b)(10), in accordance with 15A NCAC 02Q .0523(a)(1)(C), the Permittee shall notify the Director and EPA (Air Permitting Branch, EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 or through the EPA CEDRI) in writing at least seven days before the change is made.
  - a. The written notification shall include:
    - i. a description of the change at the facility;
    - ii. the date on which the change will occur;
    - iii. any change in emissions; and
    - iv. any permit term or condition that is no longer applicable as a result of the change.
  - b. In addition to this notification requirement, with the next significant modification or Air Quality Permit renewal, the Permittee shall submit a page "E5" of the application forms signed by the responsible official verifying that the application for the 502(b)(10) change/modification, is true, accurate, and complete. Further note that modifications made pursuant to 502(b)(10) do not relieve the Permittee from satisfying preconstruction requirements.

**OO. Third Party Participation and EPA Review [15A NCAC 02Q .0521, .0522 and .0525(7)]**

For permits modifications subject to 45-day review by the federal EPA, EPA's decision to not object to the proposed permit is considered final and binding on the EPA and absent a third party petition, the failure to object is the end of EPA's decision-making process with respect to the revisions to the permit. The time period available to submit a public petition pursuant to 15A NCAC 02Q .0518 begins at the end of the 45-day EPA review period.