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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY – REGION 1
WATER DIVISION
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NOTICE OF SECOND EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

THIS IS A JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A **SECOND EXTENSION TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR SPECIALTY MINERALS, INC. IN ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AS AMENDED, AND UNDER SECTIONS 27 AND 43 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATERS ACT, AS AMENDED.

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: **ORIGINALLY EXTENDED FROM July 5, 2019 to September 3, 2019**
SECOND EXTENSION UNTIL: October 7, 2019

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0005991**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-021-19

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Specialty Minerals, Inc.
260 Columbia Street
Adams, MA 01220

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Specialty Minerals, Inc.
260 Columbia Street
Adams, MA 01220

RECEIVING WATER: Hoosic River (MA11-04) (Class B)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

On August 13, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received another request from Mr. Earl W. Phillips to again extend the public comment period due to the complexity in the development of comments pertaining to the draft permit.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.10, the public comment period for the Specialty Minerals, Inc. Draft NPDES Permit is hereby **extended an additional 34 days** from September 3, 2019 to October 7,

2019. All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the Draft Permit is inappropriate must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by the close of the public comment period on **October 7, 2019**, to the address listed below.

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Any materials supporting the comments must be submitted in full and may not be incorporated by reference unless they are already part of the administrative record. In reaching a final decision on the this NPDES permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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