



## SPECIALTY GRANULES LLC

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Rock Martin  
Permits Section Chief  
Cambria District Mining Office  
Department of Environmental Protection  
286 Industrial Park Road  
Ebensburg, PA 15921-4119

Re: Specialty Granules LLC; Large Noncoal Surface Mining Permit Application No. 01180301; NPDES Permit Application No. PA0279617; Hamiltonban Township, Adams County; Response to Public Comments

Dear Mr. Martin:

Specialty Granules LLC (“SGI”) has carefully reviewed the public comments presented at the July 23, 2018, public meeting, and the additional written public comments submitted to date in relation to the above-referenced Mining Permit Application and NPDES Permit Application for SGI’s proposed Northern Tract Quarry. SGI appreciates the questions, comments and concerns expressed by members of the public and respects their efforts to raise issues for consideration by the Department. Although many of the issues raised in these comments were addressed in the multiple submissions that comprise SGI’s applications, out of respect for the public and in an effort to answer questions and avoid misperceptions, SGI has undertaken the effort to prepare and submit detailed responses to a broad range of issues raised in those comments.

Accordingly, SGI is posting an electronic copy of the response and appendices to a Share Drive folder to facilitate the download of the responses and related appendices by Department staff.

It is the company’s hope that the additional information provided in these responses will assist in better understanding what is proposed, including the substantial efforts that SGI has taken to plan and pursue this operation in a manner that meets all applicable environmental regulations, protects environmental values, and minimizes and mitigates potential impacts.

Should the Department have any questions regarding these responses, please do not hesitate to contact me, email: [matthew.mcclure@specialtygranules.com](mailto:matthew.mcclure@specialtygranules.com); telephone: (301) 393-8825.

Sincerely yours,

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