

**Availability of Final General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit for
Portable Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants (BAQ-PGPA/GP-3)**

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has finalized the General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit for Portable Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants (BAQ-PGPA/GP-3). This general permit is limited to the erection, operation, and modification of portable nonmetallic mineral processing plants, which are temporarily (no longer 24 months) located at construction sites; or which are located at sites for which a valid mining permit or an air quality permit exists for the operation of a nonmetallic mineral processing plant. This general permit is issued in accordance with Section 6.1(f) and (g) of the Air Pollution Control Act, 35 P.S. §4006.1(f) and (g), and 25 Pa. Code §§127.514 and 127.631.

After publishing the notice of availability of the draft general permit at 35 Pa.B. 4666 (August 13, 2005), a 45-day comment period was provided and written comments were received. A comment and response document has been prepared which summarizes the comments the Department received and the changes that were made in the final general permit. The general permit for Portable Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants (BAQ-PGPA/GP-3) is now approved by the Department and available for use by qualifying applicants.

Copies of the general permit documents package and comment and response document can be obtained by contacting Jeanette Van Skike, Bureau of Air Quality, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468, (717) 787-4325. Persons with a disability may obtain these documents by contacting the AT&T Relay Service at 1 (800) 654-5984 (TDD Users) or 1 (800) 654-5988 (Voice Users). These documents are also available on the Department's website at www.depweb.state.pa.us (DEP Keywords: Air Permits).

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