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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Cambria District Office
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ATTN: Mr. Chad Paronish, Geologic Specialist

**Transmittal
USFWS Correspondence Letter
Northern Tract Quarry
Charmian, Pennsylvania Facility
Specialty Granules LLC
Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Mr. Paronish:

On behalf of Specialty Granules LLC (SGI), this letter transmits correspondence from the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding the potential for impacts to threatened or endangered species associated with the proposed Northern Tract Quarry located at the Charmian Facility in Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

Comment 5 under Module 1 of the PADEP's recent review letter for the project, dated June 23, 2017, included a request for additional correspondence in regards to the Indiana Bat and the historic copper mine exploration adit that exists on site. As described in our comment response letter dated January 4, 2018, the SGI team engaged a qualified bat surveyor to perform an evaluation and mist-net survey at the site to determine the presence or probable absence of the Indiana Bat or Northern Long-Eared Bat at the site. The results of this report, which were included with the January 2018 project submission transmitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Cambria District Mining Office, were forwarded to the USFWS on December 21, 2017.

The correspondence letter provided herein presents the response from the USFWS, dated January 19, 2018. Per the USFWS letter, they recommend completing tree removal activities only during winter months (November 15 through March 31) to avoid impacting bats in the area. The SGI team wishes to pursue the project with the intent of committing to the seasonal tree removal recommendations.

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Four copies of the USFWS letter are included herein for your records. Please incorporate this document into the Northern Tract Quarry permit application in conducting your review.

We appreciate your efforts in reviewing the project, and are available for any questions or comments.

Please contact SGI or D'Appolonia should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

D'APPOLONIA ENGINEERING DIVISION OF GROUND TECHNOLOGY, INC.



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Attachments: USFWS Correspondence Letter for Northern Tract Quarry (4 hardcopies)

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