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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY – REGION 1  
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### NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

THIS IS A JOINT **EXTENSION OF 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: **July 5, 2019 – September 3, 2019**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0005991**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-014-19

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)

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) issued the Specialty Minerals, Inc. Draft NPDES Permit on June 6, 2019. The public notice indicated that the public comment period began on June 6, 2019 and would end on July 5, 2019. On June 12, 2019, EPA received a request from Earl W. Phillips, Jr. on behalf of Specialty Minerals Inc., to extend the public comment period.

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 60 days** from July 5, 2019 to September 3, 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 **September 3, 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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