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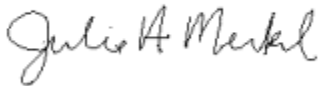
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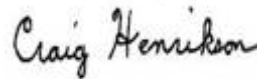
Dear Mr. Keltz:

Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP) #1993-25 is deemed final as of October 5, 2022, by DEQ. This permit is for American Chemet, an oxide manufacturing facility. All conditions of the Decision remain the same. Enclosed is a copy of your permit with the final date indicated.

For DEQ,



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## MONTANA AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Issued to: American Chemet Corporation  
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MAQP: #1993-25  
Administrative Amendment (AA)  
Request Received: 8/30/22  
Department's Decision on AA: 9/19/2022  
Permit Final: October 5, 2022

A Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP), with conditions, is hereby granted to the American Chemet Corporation (American Chemet), pursuant to Sections 75-2-204 and 211 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as amended, and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.740, *et seq.*, as amended, for the following:

### Section I: Permitted Facilities

#### A. Plant Location

American Chemet owns and operates the East Helena facility for the primary purpose of the production of copper oxides and zinc oxides for use in multiple products, including marine paints and animal feeds. The American Chemet facility is located immediately south of State Highway 12, within the city limits of East Helena. The legal description is the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. A list of permitted equipment is contained within the permit analysis.

#### B. Current Permit Action

On August 30, 2022, DEQ received a request for an administrative amendment (AA) to incorporate lower operating hour limits and reduced baghouse grain loading limits. This would reduce the potential to emit at Chemet and keep the potential emissions further below the 100 tpy threshold required for a Title V Operating permit. The emission inventory was also updated from MAQP #1993-24 to demonstrate that the previous PTE total was still below 100 tpy. The AA provides the following changes:

1. Include a new condition to limit the hours of operation at the #1 Zinc baghouse (Stack #1) from 8,760 hours per year to 3,000 hours per year.
2. Include a new condition to limit the hours of operation at the #19 Copper Furnace (Stack #15) from 8,760 hours per year to 5,000 hours per year.
3. Reduce the emission limit at the #51 Duct Burner (Stack #51) from 0.015 grains per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf) to 0.01 gr/dscf.
4. Reduce the emission limit at the #81 Copper Furnace (Stack #52) from 0.015 gr/dscf to 0.01 gr/dscf.

The corresponding emission inventory tables have also been updated to reflect the revised permit conditions.

## Section II: Conditions and Limitations

### A. Emission Limitations

1. The #41 Copper Furnace emissions shall be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.749).
2. Emissions from the individual baghouses (stacks #2 and #31) that control the #1 Copper Furnace and the #41 Copper Furnace, shall each not exceed:
  - a. 0.015 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.749)
  - b. 0.007 lb/hour of lead (American Chemet Board Order dated 8/4/95 and 6/30/95 stipulation (ARM 17.8.749))
  - c. 15.4 lb of lead/calendar quarter (American Chemet Board Order dated 8/4/95 and 6/30/95 stipulation (ARM 17.8.749))
  - d. 20% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
3. Emissions from the #11 Copper Mill Support Baghouse (stack #11) that controls the #48 Mill, the Feed Hopper for the #4 Copper Furnace, the #50 Copper Sizer Feed Bin, and the #47 Copper Screen shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.010 gr/dscf of particulate (ARM 17.8.749)
  - b. 20% opacity (ARM 17.8.304)
4. Emissions from the #5 Copper Mill shall be controlled by the #5 Copper Mill Vent Baghouse (stack #4), the #5 Copper Mill Transfer Baghouse (stack #5), and the #5 Copper Mill Feed Baghouse (stack #6). Emissions from each of these baghouse stacks shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.015 gr/dscf of particulate (ARM 17.8.749)
  - b. 20% opacity (ARM 17.8.304)
5. Emissions from the baghouse (stack #21) that controls the gas-fired #28 Copper Furnace (#CL-056) system and the #74 Copper Furnace, shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.01 gr/dscf of particulate (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 20% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
6. Emissions from the baghouse (stack #25) that controls the #34 Copper Mill, the #35 Copper Sieve, the #36 Copper Blender, the #37 Copper Packer, #38 Copper Mill, and the #44 Copper Mill shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.01 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 7% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)

7. Emissions from the #16 Copper Furnace, the #17 Copper Furnace, and the #18 Copper Furnace shall be controlled by a baghouse (stack #14). Emissions from stack #14 shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.01 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 10% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
8. Emissions from the individual baghouses (stack #27) that control the #73 Copper Furnace, #3 Copper Furnace and the #4 Copper Furnace, shall each not exceed:
  - a. 0.015 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 10% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
9. Emissions from the #19 Copper Furnace, controlled by a thermal oxidation unit (stack #15) shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.10 gr/dscf of particulate matter adjusted to 12% carbon dioxide and calculated as if no auxiliary fuel had been used (ARM 17.8.316)
  - b. 10% opacity (ARM 17.8.316)
  - c. The #19 Copper Furnace shall be limited to 5,000 hours of operation per rolling 12-month period (ARM 17.8.749).
10. The #43 Copper Blender emissions must be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.752). Emissions from the baghouse (stack #30) that control the emissions from the #43 Copper Blender shall each not exceed:
  - a. 0.01 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 7% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
11. The #24 Copper Mill, #30 Copper Mill, the #32 Crusher, the #46 Copper Mill, and the #72 Copper Mill, shall be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.749). Emissions from the baghouse (stack #32) shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.010 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 7% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
12. The #31 Copper Sieve shall be controlled by a baghouse. Emissions from the baghouse (Stack #42) shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.010 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.749)
  - b. 10% opacity (ARM 17.8.749)
13. The #60 Copper Furnace shall be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.749). Emissions from the baghouse (stack #40) shall not exceed:

- a. 0.015 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 7% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
14. The #61 Copper Mill shall be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.749). Emissions from the baghouse (stack #41) shall not exceed:
- a. 0.015 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752)
  - b. 7% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)
15. The #16 Copper Furnace, the #17 Copper Furnace and the #74 Copper Furnace must comply with the following requirements when receiving process gas from the #49 Gas Processor:
- a. Emissions from the feed end of the #16 Copper Furnace, #17 Copper Furnace and the #74 Copper Furnace shall be controlled with a flame curtain during all periods when the copper furnace is receiving process gas from the #49 Gas Processor (ARM 17.8.752).
  - b. Emissions from the discharge end of the #16 Copper Furnace, #17 Copper Furnace and the #74 Copper Furnace shall be controlled with a double lip curtain seal, or equivalent, during all periods when the copper furnace is receiving process gas from the #49 Gas Processor (ARM 17.8.752).
  - c. Excess process gas from the #16 Copper Furnace, #17 Copper Furnace and the #74 Copper Furnace shall be collected and routed to a continuously operated, natural gas-fired afterburner (ARM 17.8.752).
  - d. Emissions from the afterburner stack that controls emissions from the process gas-supplied #16 Copper Furnace or #17 Copper Furnace, shall not exceed 1.99 pounds per hour of carbon monoxide (CO) (ARM 17.8.749).
  - e. Emissions from the flame curtain discharge stack and the afterburner stacks shall not exceed 10% opacity (ARM 17.8.749).
  - f. The #49 Gas Processor, and the #16 Copper Furnace, #17 Copper Furnace and the #74 Copper Furnace, when receiving process gas from the #49 Gas Processor, shall not be operated unless the afterburner and flame curtain is fully operational and providing the maximum emission reduction for which it was designed. The #16 Copper Furnace, #17 Copper Furnace and #74 Copper Furnace shall be equipped and operated with feed end controls that monitor the operational status (i.e., presence of a flame) of the afterburner and flame curtain (ARM 17.8.749).
16. The #79 packer, #80 packer and the #26 packer shall be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.749). Emissions from the baghouse (stack #35) shall not exceed:
- a. 0.015 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.749)
  - b. 20% opacity (ARM 17.8.752)

17. The #5 Copper Mill Batch Bin and the #58 Copper Sizer shall not be charged simultaneously (ARM 17.8.749).
18. The Batch Bin and the #52 Copper Mixer Feed Bin #1 shall not be charged simultaneously (ARM 17.8.749).
19. The #53 Copper Mixer and the #54 Copper Mixer shall not be charged simultaneously (ARM 17.8.749).
20. The #53 Copper Mixer Conveyor and the #54 Copper Mixer Conveyor shall not be charged simultaneously (ARM 17.8.749).
21. The #48 Duct Burner and #75 Copper Furnace discharges shall each be controlled by a baghouse and shall not exceed 0.010 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.752).
22. Except as otherwise specified in this permit, American Chemet shall not operate any process equipment that was installed after August 21, 2002, unless:
  - a. Conveyor covers or enclosures are being used and maintained on that process equipment, and/or
  - b. Transfer point covers or enclosures are being used and maintained on that process equipment, and/or
  - c. Structural enclosures surround that process equipment (ARM 17.8.749)
23. The #78 Copper Mill shall be controlled by a baghouse. Emissions from the baghouse (Stack #50) shall not exceed 0.015 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.749).
24. The Type B4 Cupric Plant shall be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.749). Emissions from the baghouse (Stack #51) shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.01 grains per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf) of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.749)
  - b. 20% opacity (ARM 17.8.304)
25. The #81 Furnace shall be controlled by a baghouse (ARM 17.8.749). Emissions from the baghouse (Stack #52) shall not exceed:
  - a. 0.01 gr/dscf of particulate matter (ARM 17.8.749)
  - b. 20% opacity (ARM 17.8.304)
26. The #1 Zinc baghouse shall be limited to 3,000 hours of operation per rolling 12-month period (ARM 17.8.749).

## B. Testing Requirements

1. American Chemet shall perform compliance tests for particulate, lead, and opacity on the baghouse (stack #2) controlling the #1 Copper Furnace; testing must demonstrate compliance with the limitations in Section II.A.2. The opacity test shall consist of a minimum of 30 minutes of readings. Compliance testing shall be performed on a once every 5-year basis, or according to another testing/monitoring schedule as may be approved by DEQ (ARM 17.8.105).
2. American Chemet shall perform compliance testing (stack #31) on the baghouse controlling the #41 Copper Furnace for particulate, lead, and opacity. The testing must demonstrate that the #41 Copper Furnace is in compliance with the limitations in Section II.A.2. The tests shall be performed on a once every 5-year basis, or according to another testing/monitoring schedule as may be approved by DEQ. The opacity test shall consist of a minimum of 30 minutes of readings (ARM 17.8.105).
3. American Chemet shall perform compliance testing for CO on the afterburner controlling emissions from the #16 Copper Furnace. The testing must demonstrate compliance with the CO limitations in Section II.A.15. The tests shall be performed on a once every-2-year basis, or according to another testing/monitoring schedule as may be approved by DEQ (ARM 17.8.105).
4. American Chemet shall perform compliance testing for CO on the afterburner controlling emissions from the #17 Copper Furnace, in the event the connection between the #49 Gas Processor and #17 Copper Furnace is reestablished. The testing must demonstrate compliance with the CO limitations in Section II.A.15. The testing shall be conducted within 180 days of connection to the #49 Gas Processor. The tests shall continue on a once every 2-year basis, or according to another testing/monitoring schedule as may be approved by DEQ (ARM 17.8.105).
5. DEQ may require further testing (ARM 17.8.105).
6. All compliance source tests shall be conducted in accordance with the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual (ARM 17.8.106).

## C. Operational Reporting Requirements

1. American Chemet shall supply DEQ with annual production information for all emission points, as required by DEQ in the annual emission inventory request. The request will include, but is not limited to, all sources of emissions identified in the emission inventory contained in the permit analysis and sources identified in Section I of the permit analysis.

Production information shall be gathered on a calendar-year basis and submitted to DEQ by the date required in the emission inventory request. The information shall include the following and shall be in the units required by DEQ. This information may be used for calculating operating fees, based on actual emissions from the facility, and/or to verify compliance with permit limitations (ARM 17.8.505). American Chemet shall submit the following information annually to DEQ by March 1, of each year; the information may be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.505).



a. Tons of material processed or handled by the following:

#1 Zinc  
#1 Copper Furnace  
#3 Copper Furnace  
#4 Copper Furnace  
#5 Copper Mill  
#8 Copper Blender  
#9 Copper Blender  
#11 Copper Mill  
#11 Copper Mill Support Baghouse  
#50 Copper Sizer  
#16 Copper Furnace  
#17 Copper Furnace  
#18 Copper Furnace  
#19 Copper Furnace  
#24 Copper Sizer  
#26 Packer  
#28 Copper Furnace  
#30 Copper Mill  
#31 Copper Sieve  
#32 Crusher  
#34 Copper Mill  
#35 Copper Sieve  
#36 Copper Blender  
#37 Copper Packer  
#41 Copper Furnace  
#43 Copper Blender  
#44 Copper Mill  
#46 Copper Mill  
#47 Copper Screen  
#48 Copper Mill  
#52 Copper Mixer  
#53 Copper Mixer  
#54 Copper Mixer  
#58 Copper Sizer  
#59 Packer  
#60 Copper Furnace  
#61 Copper Mill  
#66 Copper Mill Feed  
#66 Copper Furnace  
#68 Packer  
#66 Copper Furnace Feed  
#69 Copper Mill  
#70 Copper Mixer  
#71 Copper Mixer  
#72 Copper Mill  
#73 Copper Furnace  
#74 Copper Furnace  
#75 Copper Furnace  
Stack #48 Duct Burner

#78 Copper Mill  
#79 Packer  
#80 Packer  
#51 Duct Burner  
#81 Copper Furnace

- b. Hours of operation of each source of emissions at the facility
  - c. Amount of gas burned for each piece of fuel-burning equipment
  - d. Amount of process gas generated by the #49 Gas Processor
2. The following information shall be submitted to DEQ on a quarterly basis. Data for each calendar quarter shall be submitted within 45 days of the end of the quarter (ARM 17.8.749).
    - a. Hours of operation of the #1 Copper Furnace and the #41 Copper Furnace
    - b. Pounds per quarter of lead emissions from the #1 Copper Furnace Stack (stack #2) and the #41 Copper Furnace Stack (stack #31)
  3. American Chemet shall notify DEQ of any construction or improvement project conducted pursuant to ARM 17.8.745 that would include the addition of a new emission unit, change in control equipment, stack height, stack diameter, stack flow, stack gas temperature, source location, or fuel specifications, or would result in an increase in source capacity above its permitted operation. The notice must be submitted to DEQ, in writing, 10 days prior to start up or use of the proposed de minimis change or as soon as reasonably practicable in the event of an unanticipated circumstance causing the de minimis change and must include the information requested in ARM 17.8.745 (l)(d) (ARM 17.8.745).
  4. All records compiled in accordance with this permit must be maintained by American Chemet as a permanent business record for at least 5 years following the date of the measurement, must be available at the plant site for inspection by DEQ, and must be submitted to DEQ upon request (ARM 17.8.749).

#### D. Notification

- a. American Chemet shall provide DEQ with written notification of the actual start-up dates of both the #79 and #80 Packers. The notice shall be provided no later than 15 days after the actual start-up date of each packer (ARM 17.8.749).
- b. American Chemet shall provide written notification of the actual start-up date of the modified Stack #42 baghouse and new fan.
- c. American Chemet shall provide written notification of the actual start-up date of the modified Stack #14 baghouse and new fan

### Section III: General Conditions

- A. Inspection – American Chemet shall allow DEQ's representatives access to the source at all reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or surveys, collecting samples,

obtaining data, auditing any monitoring equipment (Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems CEMS, Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS) or observing any monitoring or testing, and otherwise conducting all necessary functions related to this permit.

- B. Waiver – The permit and all the terms, conditions, and matters stated herein shall be deemed accepted if American Chemet fails to appeal as indicated below.
- C. Compliance with Statutes and Regulations – Nothing in this permit shall be construed as relieving American Chemet of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, *et seq.* (ARM 17.8.756).
- D. Enforcement – Violations of limitations, conditions and requirements contained herein may constitute grounds for permit revocation, penalties or other enforcement as specified in Section 75-2-401 *et seq.*, MCA.
- E. Appeals – Any person or persons jointly or severally adversely affected by DEQ's decision may request, within 15 days after DEQ renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefore, a hearing before the Board of Environmental Review (Board). A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. The filing of a request for a hearing does not stay DEQ's decision unless the Board issues a stay upon receipt of a petition and a finding that a stay is appropriate under Section 75-2-211(11)(b), MCA. The issuance of a stay on a permit by the Board postpones the effective date of DEQ's decision until conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board. If a stay is not issued by the Board, DEQ's decision on the application is final 16 days after DEQ's decision is made.
- F. Permit Inspection – As required by ARM 17.8.755, Inspection of Permit, a copy of the air quality permit shall be made available for inspection by Department personnel at the location of the permitted source.
- G. Permit Fees – Pursuant to Section 75-2-220, MCA, as amended by the 1991 Legislature, failure to pay the annual operation fee by American Chemet may be grounds for revocation of this permit, as required by that section and rules adopted there under by the Board.
- H. Duration of Permit – Construction or installation must begin or contractual obligations entered into that would constitute substantial loss within 3 years of permit issuance and proceed with due diligence until the project is complete or the permit shall expire (ARM 17.8.762).

Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP) Analysis  
American Chemet Corporation  
MAQP #1993-25

I. Introduction/Process Description

The American Chemet Corporation (American Chemet) facility is located within the City of East Helena, approximately 3 miles east of Helena. The legal description of the facility is the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

A. Permitted Equipment

This permit covers the following equipment at the facility:

Emitting Unit(s)	Stack ID	Control Equipment
#1 Zinc	#1	Baghouse
#1 Copper Furnace	#2	Baghouse
#5 Copper Mill Vent Baghouse	#4	Baghouse
#5 Copper Mill Transfer Baghouse	#5	Baghouse
#5 Copper Mill Feed Baghouse	#6	Baghouse
#8 Copper Blender #9 Copper Blender	#7	Baghouse
#11 Copper Mill Vent	#9	Baghouse
#11 Copper Mill Feed	#10	Baghouse
#11 Copper Mill Support #47 Copper Screen #48 Copper Mill	#11	Baghouse
#16 Copper Furnace #17 Copper Furnace #18 Copper Furnace	#14	Baghouse
#16 Copper Furnace (Oxidation Unit for #16 Cu Furnace - #43 Gas Processor) #17 Copper Furnace (Oxidation unit for #16 Cu Furnace - #43 Gas Processor)	#14A, #14B	Oxidation Unit
#19 Copper Furnace	#15	Oxidation Unit
#76 Packer, #77 Packer	#18	Baghouse
#59 Packer (Bin System) #59 Packer	#20	Baghouse
#28 Copper Furnace #74 Copper Furnace	#21	Baghouse
#34 Copper Mill	#25	Baghouse

Emitting Unit(s)	Stack ID	Control Equipment
#35 Copper Sieve #36 Copper Blender #37 Copper Packer #44 Copper Mill		
#73 Copper Furnace #3 Copper Furnace #2 Copper Furnace	#27	Baghouse
#43 Copper Blender	#30	Baghouse
#41 Copper Furnace (Outlet)	#31	Baghouse
#30 Copper Mill #32 Crusher #46 Copper Mill #24 Copper Mill #72 Copper Mill	#32	Baghouse
#49 Gas Processor	#33	Baghouse
#26 Packer #79 Packer #80 Packer	#35	Baghouse
#52 Copper Mixer #58 Copper Sizer (Closed Loop)	#36	Baghouse
#41 Copper Furnace (Inlet)	#38	Baghouse
#59 Packer	#39	Baghouse
#61 Copper Mill	#41	Baghouse
#61 Copper Mill Feed #66 Copper Furnace #68 Packer #31 Copper Sieve #67 Copper Furnace	#42	Baghouse
#66 Copper Furnace Feed #67 Copper Furnace Feed	#43	Baghouse
#69 Copper Mill	#44	Baghouse
#70 Copper Mixer #71 Copper Mixer	#45	Baghouse
#60 Copper Furnace	#46	Baghouse
#53 Copper Mixer #54 Copper Mixer	#47	Baghouse
Stack 48 Duct Burner	#48	Baghouse
#75 Copper Furnace	#49	Baghouse
#78 Copper Mill	#50	Baghouse
#51 Duct Burner	#51	Baghouse
#81 Copper Furnace	#52	Baghouse

## B. Source Description

The primary purpose of the facility is the production of copper oxides and zinc oxides for use in multiple products, including the production of marine paints and animal feeds. The facility consists of numerous gas-fired and electric furnaces, mills, and blenders for the production of the oxides.

## C. Permit History

**Permit #685(-020674)** was the first permit issued to American Chemet on November 20, 1973, for the construction of a scrubber (referred to as the Ducon scrubber) and associated duct work and settling tank to control emissions from two (#1 and #2) copper furnaces.

**Permit #882** was issued on August 12, 1975, for the #19 Copper Furnace. Permit #882 replaced Permit #685(-020647).

**Permit #883** was issued on June 9, 1975, for a new copper grinding facility. At the time, the facility was known as the #5 and #6 Copper Mills – which referred to the two baghouses. This permit covered the installation of the process equipment and the product recovery baghouses. Permit #883 replaced Permit #882.

**Permit #934** was issued on April 6, 1976, for the #1 Copper Furnace. Permit #934 replaced Permit #883.

**Permit #1020** was issued on December 21, 1976, for a copper furnace and stack. The furnaces covered by Permit #1020 were a furnace, which has been removed and sold, and the #1 Copper Furnace that was still operating. Permit #1020 replaced Permit #934.

**Permit #1290** was issued on October 24, 1978, for the installation of the #9 Packer and appurtenances (three baghouses). Permit #1290 replaced Permit #1020.

**Permit #1454** was issued on March 18, 1980, for the #20 Copper Furnace. The #20 Copper Furnace was the second furnace of this type at the facility. Permit #1454 replaced Permit #1290.

**Permit #1585** was issued on April 29, 1981, for the installation of cyclones and a courtyard baghouse. A cyclone was installed on each of the #2, #3, and #4 Copper Furnaces. The courtyard baghouse reference was later changed to the #13 Copper Mill Baghouse. Permit #1585 replaced Permit #1454.

**Permit #1589** was issued on May 7, 1981, for a crusher baghouse. The crusher baghouse became the third baghouse (named the #7 copper mill) installed on the #5 Copper Mill system that was originally covered by Permit #883.

**MAQP #1993-00** was issued on February 5, 1985, for the #23 Copper Furnace. MAQP #1993-00 replaced Permit #1589.

**MAQP #1993-01** was issued on February 25, 1994, for the construction and operation of the gas-fired #28 Copper Furnace. The #28 Copper Furnace would produce the premium product at American Chemet. Copper powder was the material fired in the furnace. Also,

this permit alteration was the mechanism used to combine all previously existing permits issued to American Chemet for the East Helena plant into one permit. MAQP #1993-01 replaced Permits #685, #882, #883, #934, #1020, #1290, #1454, #1585, #1589, and #1993-00. All conditions contained in the permits became conditions in MAQP #1993-01. MAQP #1993-00 replaced MAQP #1993-01.

**MAQP #1993-02** was issued on April 22, 1994, for the construction and operation of an experimental furnace (#29 Copper Furnace) and a stirred ball mill system (#30 Copper Mill). The experimental furnace was constructed and installed to allow American Chemet the opportunity to evaluate the use of other types of feed material. The #29 Copper Furnace was constructed outdoors, adjacent to the existing #1 copper furnace.

The #30 Copper Mill was installed to process some of the copper oxides previously processed in the #5 Copper Mill. The material processed was oversized lumps, which caused problems in the #5 Copper Mill. The mill was fed by a vibratory or screw-type feeder. The milled product was discharged into a 48-cubic-foot metal tote. The #30 Copper Mill was installed in an existing building located on the south side of the plant. **MAQP #1993-02** replaced MAQP #1993-01.

**MAQP #1993-03** was issued on February 15, 1995, for the construction and operation of new processing equipment and controls. The equipment included the #33 Copper Blender, #34 Copper Mill, #35 Copper Sieve, #36 Copper Blender, #37 Copper Packer, and the #38 Copper Mill. The emissions from this processing equipment were controlled by a Mikro Pulsaire dust collector, except for the #38 Copper Mill, that was controlled by an existing baghouse. The new equipment also included the #39 Gas Processor, which burned natural gas. This additional equipment allowed American Chemet to produce a new product.

Other changes included the construction and operation of a new baghouse to control emissions from the #3 and #4 Copper Furnaces and the addition of a #40 Copper Sizer. At the time, the #3 and #4 furnaces were controlled by a scrubber system that also controlled emissions from the #2 Copper Furnace. The change was made to decrease the inlet loading to the scrubber. The #40 Copper Sizer was added to increase the flexibility of the facility. The emissions from the sizer were controlled by a cyclone followed by a baghouse. **MAQP #1993-03** replaced MAQP #1993-02.

**MAQP #1993-04**, issued July 17, 1996, authorized two separate projects at the facility. The first project resulted in the installation of an additional copper furnace to increase production. The new #41 Copper Furnace was identical to the #1 Copper Furnace, except for some minor changes to the feed and discharge systems. Emissions from the new #41 Copper Furnace were controlled with a pulse-jet baghouse.

The first project also included the possible construction of a new 20-meter exhaust stack. Emissions from the baghouse controlling the #1 Copper Furnace, as well as from the new baghouse controlling the #41 Copper Furnace, would be routed to the existing 8.8-meter stack or the new 20-meter stack. The construction of the #41 Copper Furnace would result in a minor increase in actual emissions from the facility (approximately 1.1 ton/year of particulate, 0.01 ton/year of SO<sub>2</sub>, and 0.0008 ton/year of lead), but no increase in allowable particulate or lead emissions. American Chemet had until July 17, 1999, to construct a new 20-meter stack as allowed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) order issued August 4, 1995.

The second project authorized the alteration of the existing #19 Copper Furnace. The furnace consists of two separate sections that exhaust through a single stack. The unit was modified to disable the west section and relocate the stack over the east section. The existing burner and afterburner were redesigned to improve efficiency. Also, the feed and discharge methods were redesigned from batch to continuous processing of the copper laden feed. The capacity of the furnace did not change through this alteration, therefore, the emissions were not expected to change. These changes did not trigger review under the Montana Clean Air Act 75-2-215. **MAQP #1993-04** replaced MAQP #1993-03.

**MAQP #1993-05** was issued on July 2, 1997, to allow the construction of a new #42 Copper Sizer and associated baghouse, and the construction of a new #43 Copper Blender and associated baghouse. The #42 Copper Sizer was a possible replacement for the #14 Copper Sizer (an old unit with uncertain spare parts availability). The actual shutdown date of the #14 Copper Sizer was unknown and, therefore, the new unit was permitted to operate concurrently with the old unit.

The #43 Copper Blender was installed to improve the efficiency of various facility processes. The blender had an associated natural gas-fired unit. The particulate emissions from the #43 Copper Blender was to be controlled by a new baghouse. The emissions from the dump hopper for the #42 Copper Sizer was to be controlled by the new baghouse.

The permit alteration slightly changed the language related to the #41 and #1 Copper Furnaces to clarify that the #41 and #1 Copper Furnace emissions had to vent through the same stack. Each furnace had a designated baghouse for controlling particulate and lead emissions. The stack could either be the existing 8.8-meter stack or a new 20-meter stack, which, if constructed, would replace the 8.8-meter stack. The requirement for the specific stacks and associated emission limit for lead came from the Board order issued on June 30, 1995. If American Chemet changed the discharge points of the exhaust gases, they would need to run a revised dispersion model to demonstrate compliance with the ambient lead standard.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) also removed the conditions associated with the #29 Copper Furnace that had been permitted as an experimental unit on April 22, 1994. On March 12, 1996, American Chemet informed DEQ that this unit had been permanently disabled.<sup>1</sup> Since the unit was no longer usable, the conditions associated with its use and emission testing was no longer needed. American Chemet was no longer authorized to use the #29 Copper Furnace. **MAQP #1993-05** replaced MAQP #1993-04.

**MAQP 1993-06** was issued on April 17, 1998, to allow American Chemet to separate the emissions from the #1 and #41 Copper Furnaces. Originally, American Chemet had planned (and was required by MAQP #1993-04) to route the emissions from the proposed #41 Copper Furnace to the #1 Copper Furnace Stack. The company determined this was probably not feasible, based on system configurations. However, the facility was located in an area designated as non-attainment for the lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Therefore, DEQ performed modeling to demonstrate that separating the two exhausts would not violate the ambient standard for lead if half of the emission limit that applied to the #1 Copper Furnace Stack was applied to each of the stacks, separately.

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<sup>1</sup> In the letter, American Chemet referenced the furnace as #32 Copper Furnace. This was an incorrect number reference. The name for the furnace is #29 Copper Furnace.



The permitting action described above did not increase emissions from American Chemet; therefore, DEQ did not perform an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In addition, the relocation of the emissions from the furnace did not adversely impact the ambient air or the State Implementation Plan (SIP) provisions designed to bring the area into compliance with the ambient lead standard. **MAQP #1993-06** replaced MAQP #1993-05.

**MAQP #1993-07**, issued August 14, 1998, allowed American Chemet to initiate four minor changes within their facility, but did not permit an increase in allowable emissions. The first change American Chemet intended to make was to replace the #32 Crusher with the #45 Crusher and control the #45 Crusher with the baghouse that vented to Stack #5. The #32 Crusher was controlled by the baghouse venting to Stack #19. After construction, the baghouse that vented to Stack #5 would control the #6 Copper Mill and the #45 Crusher. However, American Chemet elected to not construct the #45 Crusher and to keep the #32 Crusher in service.

The second change removed the #25 Copper Shredder. The #25 Copper Shredder had been controlled by the baghouse that vented to Stack #19. Prior to MAQP #1993-07, the baghouse that vented to Stack #19 controlled the #32 Crusher, the #25 Shredder, and the #30 Copper Mill. The third change moved the #31 sieve and controlled its emissions with the baghouse that vented to Stack #19. Prior to MAQP #1993-07, the #31 Sieve was controlled by the baghouse that vented to Stack #18. After MAQP #1993-07, the baghouse that vented to Stack #19 controlled the #30 Copper Mill and the #31 Sieve. The fourth change relocated the #44 copper mill and controlled its emissions by the baghouse that vented to Stack #25. MAQP #1993-07 allowed the baghouse that vented to Stack #25 to control the #36 Copper Blender, the #35 Copper Sieve, the #34 Copper Mill, the #33 Copper Blender, the #37 Copper Packer, and the #44 Copper Mill. **MAQP #1993-07** replaced MAQP 1993-06.

**MAQP #1993-08**, issued September 1, 1999, allowed American Chemet to replace the baghouse that vented to Stack #19 with a new larger capacity baghouse. The new larger capacity baghouse then vented to the new #32 Stack and controlled the emissions from the existing #30 Copper Mill and #32 Crusher. The #31 Sieve was moved to work in association with the #24 Copper Mill and be controlled by the baghouse venting to Stack #18. Previously, MAQP #1993-07 allowed American Chemet to replace the #32 Crusher; however, American Chemet elected to not construct the #45 Crusher and kept the #32 Crusher in active service. MAQP #1993-08 allowed the facility to control the emissions from the #32 Crusher with the new baghouse.

American Chemet also installed three new process units, all controlled by a new baghouse venting to the #32 Stack. The new process units were denoted as the #46 Copper Mill, the #47 Screen, and the #48 Copper Mill. Thus, the new baghouse controlled five process units: the three new units described above and two existing units. Additionally, American Chemet requested an extension of time to construct a 20-meter stack that would exhaust emissions from the #1 and #41 Copper Furnaces. The new stack was approved in a previous permit (MAQP #1995-05) and a Board order issued on June 30, 1995. MAQP #1993-08 granted American Chemet an extension to construct the taller stack. Under MAQP #1993-08, the new stack had to be constructed no later than August 31, 2002.

MAQP #1993-08 did not increase lead emissions and the process equipment within the facility that might possibly contribute to ambient lead concentrations were not affected by

the alterations. A small increase in particulate emissions from the facility was anticipated as a result of emissions from the new stack (#32); however, modeling was not required due to the diminutive nature of the emissions increase. The permitted modification did not adversely impact the SIP for lead in East Helena. **MAQP #1993-08** replaced MAQP #1993-07.

**MAQP #1993-09** was issued September 22, 2000, for a modification of MAQP #1993-08. American Chemet proposed to install and operate a new gas processor (#49 gas processor) to supply process gas to an existing copper furnace (#16 Copper Furnace). The #49 gas processor would have enough capacity to supply process gas for two additional copper furnaces. The permitting action allowed American Chemet to operate two additional copper furnaces in conjunction with the #49 gas processor, in the future. The two additional copper furnaces would be the #17 Copper Furnace and the #18 Copper Furnace or the #28 Copper Furnace. The #49 gas processor would replace the #39 gas processor that would be removed from service.

The permit did not allow an increase in allowable lead emissions and the process equipment within the facility that could possibly contribute to ambient lead concentrations was not affected by the alterations proposed. A small increase in CO emissions from the facility was anticipated as a result of emissions from the new #49 gas processor. However, modeling was not required because of the small increase in emissions. The modification did not adversely impact the SIP for lead in East Helena. **MAQP #1993-09** replaced MAQP #1993-08.

**MAQP #1993-10** was issued January 20, 2001, for modification of Permit #1993-09. On September 27, 2000, DEQ received American Chemet's initial request to change conditions in Permit MAQP #1993-09. American Chemet requested removal of the condition in Section II.A.22.b that required the operation of a nitrogen gas purge at the discharge end of any copper furnace receiving process gas from the #49 gas processor. The company also requested deletion of the notification requirements contained in Sections II.D.1, II.D.2, II.D.4, and II.D.5 of MAQP #1993-09. Additionally, American Chemet requested permission to control CO emissions from the three copper furnaces - #49 gas processor combinations with individual afterburners, instead of just one afterburner. DEQ agreed to this approach and apportioned the original CO limit between the three afterburners. All three afterburners were required to be source tested. Finally, the company requested a de minimis determination on their proposal to vent the #44 Copper Mill's baghouse directly to atmosphere, instead of venting it to the inlet of the baghouse associated with Stack #25. DEQ agreed to the change but added the same limits to the #44 Copper Mill, as applied to the baghouse associated with Stack #25.

The permitting action did not increase lead emissions. A minor increase in CO emissions (0.21 tpy) from the facility was anticipated as a result of the emissions from the two additional incinerators associated with the new #49 gas processor. Modeling was not required because of the minimal increase in emissions. **MAQP #1993-10** replaced MAQP #1993-09.

**MAQP #1993-11** was issued on October 12, 2001, to allow for a modification of MAQP #1993-10. The modification reflected changes to the #5 Copper Mill and related conditions in MAQP #1993-10. Further analysis of the permit application and historical records concluded that the proposed changes would be de minimis and that a permit alteration was not required. Additionally, DEQ had previously issued de minimis determinations on other

equipment changes. All of these changes were incorporated in the permit modification and are discussed below:

- In a letter dated January 24, 2001, American Chemet requested a de minimis determination on the replacement of the baghouse on the #1 Copper Furnace. The new baghouse would be identical to the baghouse on the #41 Copper Furnace. The baghouse proposed for the #1 Copper Furnace differed from the original furnace with minor changes in operational parameters. Because American Chemet was located in a lead non-attainment area and the #1 Copper Furnace is a minor source of lead emissions, DEQ modeled the new baghouse parameters. DEQ concluded that the proposed changes complied with the East Helena lead SIP; therefore, in a letter dated March 22, 2001, DEQ agreed that the proposed change was de minimis in nature.
- In a letter dated March 12, 2001, American Chemet requested a de minimis determination on ancillary equipment upgrades to the baghouse on the #41 Copper Furnace. American Chemet proposed to replace the blower fan and motor in order to increase the airflow rate through the baghouse from 5,800 to 6,600 actual cubic feet per minute (acfm). Additionally, American Chemet proposed to upgrade the #1 Copper Furnace baghouse so that it would have operational parameters identical to the baghouse on the #41 Copper Furnace. Because American Chemet is located in a lead non-attainment area and because the #1 and #41 Copper Furnaces are minor sources of lead emissions, DEQ modeled the new parameters on both baghouses and concluded that the proposed changes complied with the East Helena lead SIP. Therefore, in a letter dated March 22, 2001, DEQ agreed that the proposed changes were de minimis in nature.
- In an application received on August 2, 2001, American Chemet requested a modification of MAQP #1993-10 to replace a fan and the particle classification system on their #5 Copper Mill to increase the process rate of the #5 Copper Mill. DEQ's review concluded that the proposed changes would not increase the "Potential to Emit (PTE)" since the emissions from the three, product-recovery baghouses and the product-recovery cyclone associated with the #5 Copper Mill would not increase. Therefore, the proposed changes were determined to be de minimis in nature. However, the review of historical Department records for earlier permits on the #5 Copper Mill revealed that conditions from an earlier permit had not been carried forward. As a result of a previous Best Available Control Technology (BACT) analysis, conditions had been placed on a #5 Copper Mill baghouse in Permit #1589 by DEQ's predecessor, the Department of Health & Environmental Sciences. These conditions were inadvertently left out of MAQP #1993-01 when it was issued to consolidate all of American Chemet's earlier permits. Therefore, DEQ restored those conditions as part of this permit action.
- As part of this permit modification, DEQ clarified the names for two copper mills and their associated product recovery units and updating the equipment list. The product recovery baghouses associated with the two copper mills have in the past been referred to individually as "copper mills." These names potentially led readers into thinking that there were six copper mills, instead of only two copper mills and six product recovery baghouses. The permit action also clarified the

limitations and conditions on the two copper mills and their associated baghouses. Additionally, the inventory of potential emissions was updated. **MAQP #1993-11** replaced MAQP #1993-10.

On July 11, 2002, American Chemet was issued **MAQP #1993-12**. This modification included the installation and operation of a pilot plant to test a new production operation. American Chemet proposed to use an existing baghouse to control the particulate emissions from the pilot plant. Based on the emission limits for the existing baghouse, the potential emissions from the pilot plant were less than 15 tons per year (tpy). Therefore, the proposed change was accomplished through the de minimis rule.

The modification also addressed a previously issued de minimis determination on another equipment change. In a letter dated January 11, 2002, American Chemet requested a de minimis determination on the upgrade of the #14 Copper Sizer. The new Copper Sizer (Copper Sizer #50) incorporated the process baghouse which controlled the #14 Copper Sizer into its closed-loop system design. In a letter dated January 16, 2002, DEQ agreed that the proposed change was de minimis in nature. Additionally, the permit action reflected a request by American Chemet to delete the notification requirements in Section II.D.2, II.D.3, and II.D.5 of MAQP #1993-11, which were met, and change the name of Stack 14 to Stack 14, 14A, 14B, and 14C. **MAQP #1993-12** replaced MAQP #1993-11.

On September 19, 2002, American Chemet was issued **MAQP #1993-13**. On August 20, 2002, DEQ received a request for a modification of MAQP #1993-12 for the addition of a federally enforceable condition (Section II.A.25 of MAQP #1993-13) to allow for a de minimis friendly permit. The condition required American Chemet to utilize, on new equipment installed after August 21, 2002, conveyor covers or enclosures, transfer point covers or enclosures and structural enclosures surrounding process equipment unless otherwise specified in the permit. **MAQP #1993-13** replaced MAQP #1993-12.

On December 2, 2003, DEQ issued **MAQP #1993-14** to modify MAQP #1993-13. The permit action included several previous approved de minimis changes. On September 26, 2003, American Chemet requested an extension to permit condition under Section II.A.6. The condition was originally added to the air quality permit to assist with any potential emission problems which could have affected the East Helena Lead SIP. American Chemet had no plans to construct the 20-meter stack, however, the facility wanted to keep the option available for future use.

On September 8, 2003, DEQ received a request from American Chemet to upgrade the pilot plant, permitted in MAQP #1993-12 to a full-scale operation. The pilot plant was installed as a test unit of a new technology for producing copper oxide. The proposed unit, referred to as the #56 Copper Furnace, used the baghouse, which controlled the #24 Copper Mill (Stack #18) for product recovery in the same manner as the pilot plant. The #56 Copper furnace feed system was controlled by the baghouse at the #15 Copper Sizer (Stack #13). Based on the information submitted by American Chemet, DEQ determined the upgrade fell within the de minimis rule, because the potential emissions were well below 15 tpy and the change did not violate any conditions of the existing permit.

In addition, on September 13, 2002, DEQ received American Chemet's proposed facility modifications which enabled an increase in production and improved material handling efficiency. The project affected the facility's sizing, mixing and packaging processes. The new equipment included a copper furnace and associated baghouse, a new conveying system

and associated feed bins, 3 copper mixers and associated bins, bin vents and boiler, and a packer with associated baghouse, bins, and bin vents. DEQ determined that the modifications met the criteria set forth in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.745, as the increase in emissions for the facility was less than 15 tpy.

American Chemet also proposed to remove the #11 Copper Mill Vent Baghouse and the #11 Copper Mill Feed Baghouse. Some of the equipment controlled by those baghouses were also removed or shut down. The remaining equipment was to be controlled by the #11 Copper Mill Support Baghouse. The #21 Copper Furnace was also removed from the permit. American Chemet requested that the outlet grain loading limitation for several emitting units be reduced. The grain loading limitation was lowered for the emissions from the following equipment: Stack #14 (controlling emissions from the #24 Copper Mill, the #28 Copper Furnace), Stack #25 (controlling emissions from the #33 Copper Blender, the #34 Copper Mill, the #35 Copper Sieve, the #36 Copper Blender, and the #37 Copper Packer).

Furthermore, American Chemet requested the following equipment and associated baghouses be restricted to an operating limit of 7,000 hours per rolling 12-month period: #33 Copper Blender, the #34 Copper Mill, the #35 Copper Sieve, the #36 Copper Blender, the #37 Copper packer, the #44 Copper Mill, the #16, #17, and #18 Copper Furnaces, the #38 Copper Mill, and the #42 Copper Sizer. Finally, American Chemet proposed to upgrade the pollution control equipment for the #2 Copper Furnace and the Copper Furnace by installing a new baghouse dust collector that serves both units. Currently, the #2 Copper Furnace emissions are controlled by a wet scrubber. Emissions from the #19 Copper Furnace are currently controlled by a thermal oxidation unit. MAQP #1993-14 replaced MAQP #1993-13.

DEQ received a request from American Chemet on August 1, 2006, to make several administrative changes to MAQP #1993-14 to better reflect current operations at the facility. On September 12, 2006, American Chemet submitted an application to DEQ for a modification to MAQP #1993-14. The request included the installation and operation of a new piece of process equipment to be called the #60 Copper Furnace. The permit application was withdrawn by American Chemet on December 5, 2006, however a permit action resulted which included the following proposed amendments presented in American Chemet's letter dated August 1, 2006;

- Removal of the #23 Copper furnace, scrubber, and associated conditions (removed from service)
- Removal of the #51 Copper Furnace, baghouse, and associated conditions (never installed)
- Increase in baghouse flow rate on the #1 Copper Furnace Baghouse from 6,600 cfm to 8,100 cfm
- Increase in baghouse flow rate on the #41 copper furnace baghouse from 6,600 cfm to 8,100 cfm
- Change in production rate of #41 Copper Furnace
- Removal of notification requirements that have been met

- Correct administrative error from previous permitting action to reflect hours of operation for the #16, #17, and #18 Copper Furnaces from 7,000 hours per year to 8,760 hours per year
- Removal of the following sources which have been removed from service:
  - ▶ #15 Copper Sizer (stack 13) – this baghouse stack is now combined with Stack #18 as one emission point associated with the #56 Copper furnace, #24 Copper Mill, and #31 Sieve
  - ▶ #26 Packer is no longer at Stack #20 – the #26 Copper Packer is now controlled by Stack #35, which also control the #55 Packer
  - ▶ #33 Copper Blender at Stack #25
  - ▶ #42 Copper Sizer at Stack #29 and associated baghouse
- Lower emission limits in the following sources from 0.02 gr/dscf to 0.015 gr/dscf:
  - ▶ #5 Copper Mill Vent Baghouse
  - ▶ #5 Copper Mill Transfer baghouse
  - ▶ #11 Copper Mill Vent baghouse
  - ▶ #11 Copper Mill Feed baghouse
  - ▶ #11 Copper Mill Support baghouse
  - ▶ #3 & #4 Copper furnace baghouse
  - ▶ #40 Copper Sizer baghouse

American Chemet proposed to maintain the option of combining emissions from the #1 and #41 Copper Furnaces into one 20-meter stack. Since this condition was a Board Order, DEQ was unable to extend the date of compliance. Therefore, the condition was removed from the permit.

In addition, American Chemet proposed to maintain the option of combining emissions from the #2 Copper Furnace (currently routed to a wet scrubber) and the #19 Copper Furnace (currently routed to a thermal oxidizer), and route them to a baghouse. According to the ARM 17.8.762, because the facility did not commence construction on this project within 3 years, the condition was considered revoked. **MAQP #1993-15** replaced MAQP #1993-14.

On February 2, 2012, DEQ received an application to modify American Chemet's air quality permit for the installation and operation of a new Cupric Oxide Plant to be constructed within the existing building. The permit action approved the construction of the following units;

- #60 Copper Furnace
- #61 Copper Mill
- #62 Copper Furnace
- #63 Copper Furnace
- #64 Copper Furnace

In addition, the permit action incorporated the following administrative equipment change notifications submitted by American Chemet;

- Permit conditions related the #17 Copper Furnace and #18 Copper Furnace receipt of process gas from the #49 Gas Processor were removed. American Chemet requested that testing be discontinued on the #17 Copper Furnace and further detailed in subsequent correspondence that the process lines which delivered process gas from the #49 Gas Processor were removed.
- In accordance with ARM 17.8.762, conditions related to the #18 Copper Furnace were removed. Because the facility did not commence construction on this project within 3 years the conditions associated with this project were considered revoked [Notifications received 05/9/2006 and 05/15/2006].
- Installed an additional baghouse on #41 Copper Furnace - inlet (stack #38) [De minimis notification received 05/23/2007].
- Increased stack flow rate of the #11 Copper Mill Support baghouse (stack #11) to 8,000 cfm [De minimis notification received 03/12/2008].
- Removed the #27 Packer and replaced it with the #59 packer and new a baghouse (stack #39). Routed existing baghouse ventilation (stack #20) to control the #59 Packer Bin System. The new baghouse to control emissions from the only the #59 Packer [De minimis notification received 12/15/2009].
- Replacement of the baghouse controlling emissions from the #52 Copper Mixer. Baghouse volume flow rate and emission rate specifications were identical [De minimis notification received 02/20/2012].

In addition, the permit action updated language and rule references used by DEQ and updated the emissions inventory to incorporate the additional emitting units. **MAQP #1993-16** replaced MAQP #1993-15.

On August 4, 1995, the Montana Board of Environmental Review (BER) issued an order requiring American Chemet to comply with stipulated emission limitations and conditions established by DEQ. The stipulation, dated June 30, 1995, provided a control strategy to reduce lead emissions in the East Helena lead nonattainment area. The control strategy was later approved by EPA under the East Helena State Implementation Plan for Lead (East Helena Lead SIP). As part of the control strategy, a limit on the percent of lead in copper

feed material entering and used within American Chemet's process was prescribed. In order to ensure a readily available supply of copper, American Chemet initiated efforts to have the lead in feed limit removed on the basis that this limit is not reasonably related to the attainment and maintenance of the lead ambient air quality standards in the East Helena lead nonattainment area. On May 17, 2013, American Chemet, in cooperation with DEQ, petitioned the BER to revoke the lead in feed limit provision of the stipulation. The BER formally acted on June 10, 2013, by issuing a revised order whereby the lead in feed limit was revoked. All other lead limitations and conditions required under the June 30, 1995, order and stipulation and the East Helena Lead SIP remain in effect. The revised order will be submitted to EPA under a request to revise the East Helena Lead SIP to reflect this change. On June 19, 2013, DEQ received a request from American Chemet to remove the lead in feed limitation from the MAQP. The action removed language associated with the lead in feed limit to reflect the board order. **MAQP #1993-17** replaced MAQP #1993-16.

On March 30, 2015, DEQ received a request from American Chemet to remove three Copper Furnaces from the facility emissions inventory and to modify the emissions calculations to reflect the removal of the three Copper Furnaces. American Chemet stated in their letter to DEQ that the three furnaces were not and will not be installed.

The permit action removed language associated with #62 Copper Furnace, #63 Copper Furnace, and #64 Copper Furnace, as well as reflected changes in the emissions inventory in Section IV. B. **MAQP #1993-18** replaced MAQP #1993-17.

#### **De minimis Actions Summarized from June 6, 2013, through MAQP Issuance**

On June 6, 2013, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet describing the proposed installation of a new process furnace identified as the #65 Copper Furnace.

American Chemet indicated that PM emissions from the proposed furnace were to be controlled by an existing baghouse and no increases to PM emissions were expected. In addition, American Chemet submitted information demonstrating potential emissions from other criteria pollutants were below the de minimis threshold.

On March 11, 2014, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet proposing the installation and operation of a new process, identified as the Type B Cupric Plant. The proposed Type B Cupric Plant entails the installation and operation of multiple material handling operations and additional process equipment. Under this request, both Copper furnaces #66 and #67 were included as part of the Cupric Plant. An emission inventory was submitted in conjunction with the notice; demonstrating potential emissions from the Type B Cupric Plant did not exceed the five (5) ton per year de minimis threshold.

On June 30, 2016, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet proposing the installation and operation of new equipment, identified as the New #69 Copper Mill and #70 and #71 Copper Mixers. The request proposed the installation and operation of a new copper mill and associated baghouse for product recovery and the addition of two copper mixers also with a common baghouse for product recovery. An emission inventory was submitted in conjunction with the notice; demonstrating potential emissions from the proposed equipment did not exceed the five (5) ton per year de minimis threshold.



On July 21, 2016, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet proposing the installation and operation of new equipment, identified as New #72 Copper Mill and Relocation of #48 Copper Mill. The request proposed the installation and operation of a new copper mill (#72) and connection to the Stack 32 Baghouse. Copper Mill #48 will be relocated and disconnected from Stack 32 baghouse and connected to #11 Copper Mill Support Baghouse. The existing emission inventory assumed potential emissions at the maximum rated baghouse design and respective permit limits in grains per dry standard cubic feet.

On June 1, 2017, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet. The request would allow for replacing the existing afterburner located on the #16 Copper Furnace. The afterburner conditions were included as part of the #49 Gas Processor project and was treated as a single process when calculating the emission inventory for the process. The afterburner functions as an emission control device for the #16 Copper Furnace and would be a similar design to the afterburner located on the #17 Copper Furnace. The afterburner serves to provide a reduction in carbon monoxide (CO) emissions. The fuel source for the afterburner will utilize natural gas and therefore, emission factors from AP-42, Section 1.4 Natural Gas Combustion were appropriate for estimating the potential to emit for this emission control device.

On May 18, 2017, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet. The request provided for decommissioning the #3 Stack Wet Scrubber which provided particulate control for the #2 Copper Furnace and for ducting the exhaust from the #2 Copper Furnace into the #27 Baghouse. The change required a new baghouse fan to overcome the static pressure losses due to the overall airflow increase from 5,500 cubic feet per minute (CFM) to 7,500 CFM. The #27 Baghouse also provided particulate control for the #3 and #4 Copper Furnaces. DEQ also received additional information on May 23, 2017, documenting the baghouse vendor's evaluation that the proposed airflow increase associated with the change still provide acceptable conditions for proper baghouse operation.

The de minimis request was approved pending receipt of a request to administratively update the permit to reflect the change from a scrubber to a baghouse for the #2 Copper Furnace. DEQ received the request to administratively open their current MAQP for the May 18, 2017, de minimis on June 1, 2017. This permit clarified the #2 Copper Furnace is now routed through the #27 Baghouse. **MAQP #1993-19** replaced MAQP #1993-18.

On July 20, 2020, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet. The request provided for replacing the #4 Copper Furnace with a new copper furnace identified as the #73 Copper Furnace. It also clarified that the #40 Copper Sizer and the #28 Stack Baghouse have been removed which will make physical space available for the new #73 Copper furnace. The existing #27 baghouse will collect exhaust from the #2, #3 and #73 Copper Furnaces. There was no change in the potential to emit (PTE) as the #27 baghouse PTE is defined by the existing flowrate and existing grain loading limit.

The de minimis request was approved pending receipt of a request to administratively update the permit to reflect the new #73 Copper Furnace and decommissioned units being removed from the permit. The administrative amendment was received on October 20<sup>th</sup>, to incorporate the necessary changes. With the removal of the #40 Copper Sizer and #28 Stack Baghouse, condition Section II.A.6 was removed from MAQP 1993-19, and Section II.A.10 was modified to reference the #73 Copper Furnace and this condition has been

replaced by Section II.A.9 within the updated MAQP. Section II.B.3 and Section II.B.4 were also updated to reflect the revised numbering within Section II.A.

On October 9, 2020, DEQ received de minimis notification received from American Chemet. According to the proposed project, a new #74 Copper Furnace would be installed and connected to an upgraded baghouse associated with stack #21 with an up-sized fan to accommodate the additional airflow. The #21 stack would continue to exhaust airflow from both the #28 Copper Furnace and in the future also from the new #74 Copper Furnace. The proposed project would upgrade the existing 20 horsepower (hp) fan to 40 hp and the baghouse modified to accept pleated cartridge filters instead of bags. The #21 stack would also be modified from a horizontal discharge to a vertical discharge with stack height extending to approximately 45 feet. The October 9, 2020, de minimis was not included in the update to the MAQP.

**MAQP #1993-20** replaced MAQP #1993-19.

On November 23, 2020, DEQ received a request for an administrative amendment (AA) to correct a mis-identified emitting unit issued as part of MAQP #1993-20 and to add the de minimis request received on October 9, 2020. This AA updated all references to the #73 and #74 copper furnaces which were recently added under de minimis actions. Additionally, several previous de minimis changes were not updated in the permit analysis section of the permit and those updates were also made with the issuance of MAQP #1993-21. **MAQP #1993-21** replaced MAQP #1993-20.

On March 26, 2021, DEQ received an application from American Chemet to install and operate new process equipment associated with the new Basic Copper Carbonate Plant. The new process included a new copper feed hopper, a new duct burner (Stack 48 Duct Burner), a new baghouse (Stack 48 Baghouse), a new copper furnace (#75 Copper Furnace) and a new packer (#76 Copper Packer) as well as various other process vessels. In order to accommodate the new equipment, several existing production units were also rerouted from their existing baghouses to alternate baghouses with equivalent control. In addition, American Chemet requested the list of permitted equipment in Section I.A. of the Permit Analysis for MAQP #1993-21 be updated to reflect changes and updates. The application also requested the removal of equipment identified as the Control Unit Stack #13, and the #65 Copper Furnace which are being removed from service. Permit conditions Section II.A.13 and II.A.14 in MAQP #1993-21 have also been removed from the permit as they were specific to the equipment being removed. **MAQP #1993-22** replaced MAQP #1993-21.

On June 8, 2021, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet. According to the proposed project, American Chemet intends to install a new copper and copper oxide crusher. The unit will be designated the #77 Copper Crusher and will be located on an exterior wall of the warehouse space between #1 Copper Furnace and the #41 Copper Furnace. The #77 Copper Crusher will re-process material from the #66 and #67 Copper furnace process and the #1 and #41 Copper Furnaces. DEQ concurred the project was de minimis.

One October 14, 2021, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet. The project included the addition of a small bag packer (#77 packer) to the existing stack #18 baghouse. Potential emissions for the existing stack #18 baghouse were already identified in the permit based on a flowrate of 3,760 dry standard cubic feet per minute

(dscfm) and a grain loading of 0.01 grains per dry standard cubic foot (dscf). The #18 baghouse had capacity to control the addition of the new small bag packer and no increase in potential emissions were associated with the proposed change. DEQ concurred the project was de minimis.

On November 8, 2021, DEQ received a de minimis notification from American Chemet. Under the proposed project, a new #78 Copper Mill would be vented to a new Stack #50 baghouse. The mill would be closed to the atmosphere and would be dependent on the baghouse fan to operate. Controls prevent the mill from operating without the baghouse. Since the mill would be unable to operate as designed without the baghouse and it also provides product recovery, credit for the baghouse efficiency was allowed when calculating the potential to emit. However, to be consistent with current operations, the MAQP will be updated at the next action to establish the baghouse as an enforceable condition for the #78 Copper Mill. DEQ concurred the project was de minimis.

On December 20, 2021, DEQ received an application from American Chemet to install and operate new and upgraded equipment associated with the #55 Packer system. The #55 Packer system has been in service for several decades. The upgrade included replacing the #55 Packer system with the #79 and #80 Packers, a new conveyor system, and a new robotic palletizer. The new process units were vented to the baghouse associated with the existing Stack #35. The Stack #35 baghouse, in addition to the baghouses associated with the existing Stacks #14 and #42, were upgraded to cartridge unit control and larger fans/airflow to allow for additional throughput and control. This action also requested a permit condition to be added to address the Stack #50 baghouse from a previous project.

**MAQP #1993-23** replaced MAQP #1993-22.

On May 9, 2022, DEQ received a request for an administrative amendment (AA) along with a de minimis notification from American Chemet Corporation (American Chemet). The request allowed for the installation of a new Type 4 Cupric Plant. The equipment is similar to existing processes and added a new Copper Furnace (#81), Stack #51 Process Boiler and Duct Burner, #51 baghouse, #52 baghouse as well as copper feed hopper and various process solution tanks. The de minimis request for the new equipment was approved but additional permit conditions were requested by American Chemet and are being added as AA.

**MAQP #1993-24** replaced MAQP #1993-23.

#### D. Current Permit Action

On August 30, 2022, DEQ received a request for an AA to incorporate lower operating hour limits and reduced baghouse grain loading limits. This would further reduce the potential to emit at Chemet and keep the potential emissions further below the 100 tpy threshold required for a Title V Operating permit. The emission inventory was also updated from MAQP #1993-24 to demonstrate that the previous PTE total was still below 100 tpy. The request provides the following changes:

1. Include a new condition to limit the hours of operation at the #1 Zinc baghouse (Stack #1) from 8,760 hours per year to 3,000 hours per year.

2. Include a new condition to limit the hours of operation at the #19 Copper Furnace (Stack #15) from 8,760 hours per year to 5,000 hours per year.
3. Reduce the emission limit at the #51 Duct Burner (Stack #51) from 0.015 gr/dscf to 0.01 gr/dscf.
4. Reduce the emission limit at the #81 Copper Furnace (Stack #52) from 0.015 gr/dscf to 0.01 gr/dscf.

The corresponding emission inventory tables have also been updated to reflect the revised permit conditions.

**MAQP #1993-25** replaces MAQP #1993-24.

#### E. Additional Information

Additional information, such as applicable rules and regulations, BACT/Reasonably Available Control Technologies (RACT) determinations, air quality impacts, and environmental assessments, is included in the analysis associated with each change to the permit.

## II. Applicable Rules and Regulations

The following are partial explanations of some applicable rules and regulations that apply to the facility. The complete rules are stated in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and are available, upon request, from DEQ. Upon request, DEQ will provide references for locations of complete copies of all applicable rules and regulations or copies where appropriate.

#### A. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 1 – General Provisions, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.101 Definitions. This rule includes a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.105 Testing Requirements. Any person or persons responsible for the emission of any air contaminant into the outdoor atmosphere shall, upon written request of DEQ, provide the facilities and necessary equipment (including instruments and sensing devices) and shall conduct tests, emission or ambient, for such periods of time as may be necessary using methods approved by DEQ.
3. ARM 17.8.106 Source Testing Protocol. The requirements of this rule apply to any emission source testing conducted by DEQ, any source or other entity as required by any rule in this chapter, or any permit or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or the provisions of the Clean Air Act of Montana, 75-2-101, *et seq.*, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

American Chemet shall comply with the requirements contained in the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual, including, but not limited, using the proper test methods and supplying the required reports. A copy of the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual is available from DEQ upon request.

4. ARM 17.8.110 Malfunctions. (2) DEQ must be notified promptly by telephone whenever a malfunction occurs that can be expected to create emissions in excess of any applicable emission limitation, or to continue for a period greater than 4 hours.
5. ARM 17.8.111 Circumvention. (1) No person shall cause or permit the installation or use of any device or any means that, without resulting in reduction in the total amount of air contaminant emitted, conceals, or dilutes an emission of air contaminant that would otherwise violate an air pollution control regulation. (2) No equipment that may produce emissions shall be operated or maintained in such a manner as to create a public nuisance.

B. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 2 – Ambient Air Quality, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.204 Ambient Air Monitoring
2. ARM 17.8.210 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)
3. ARM 17.8.211 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
4. ARM 17.8.212 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide (CO)
5. ARM 17.8.213 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)
6. ARM 17.8.220 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Settled Particulate Matter (PM)
7. ARM 17.8.222 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead
8. ARM 17.8.223 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Particulate Matter with an Aerodynamic Diameter of Ten Microns or Less (PM<sub>10</sub>)

American Chemet must demonstrate compliance with the applicable ambient air quality standards.

C. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 3 – Emission Standards, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.304 Visible Air Contaminants. This rule requires that no person may cause or authorize emissions to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any source installed after November 23, 1968, that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes.
2. ARM 17.8.308 Particulate Matter, Airborne. (1) This rule requires an opacity limitation of less than 20% for all fugitive emission sources and that reasonable precautions are taken to control emissions of airborne particulate matter. (2) Under this rule, American Chemet shall not cause or authorize the use of any street, road, or parking lot without taking reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter.
3. ARM 17.8.309 Particulate Matter, Fuel Burning Equipment. This rule requires that no person shall cause, allow or permit to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter caused by the combustion of fuel in excess of the amount determined by this rule.
4. ARM 17.8.310 Particulate Matter, Industrial Processes. This rule requires that no person shall cause, allow, or permit to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter in excess of the amount set forth in this rule.
5. ARM 17.8.316 Incinerators. This rule requires that no person may cause or authorize emissions to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any incinerator, particulate matter in excess of 0.10 grains per standard cubic foot of dry flue gas, adjusted to 12% carbon dioxide and calculated as if no auxiliary fuel had been used. Further, no person

shall cause or authorize to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any incinerator emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes. This rule applies to the #19 Copper Furnace. For the afterburners permitted under #1993-10 these requirements are superseded by the requirements in MCA 75-2-215.

6. ARM 17.8.322 Sulfur Oxide Emissions--Sulfur in Fuel. This rule requires that no person shall burn liquid, solid, or gaseous fuel in excess of the amount set forth in this rule.
7. ARM 17.8.340 Standard of Performance for New Stationary Sources. This rule incorporates, by reference, 40 CFR Part 60, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS). The owner and operator of any stationary source or modification, as defined and applied in 40 CFR Part 60, shall comply with the NSPS. The American Chemet facility is not an NSPS affected source because it does not meet any of the definitions in 40 CFR Part 60; therefore, this rule does not apply to this facility.

D. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 4 – Stack Height and Dispersion Techniques, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.401 Definitions. This rule includes a list of definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.402 Requirements. American Chemet must demonstrate compliance with the ambient air quality standards with a stack height that does not exceed Good Engineering Practices (GEP). The proposed height of the new or modified stack for American Chemet is below the allowable 65-meter GEP stack height.

E. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 5 – Air Quality Permit Application, Operation and Open Burning Fees, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.504 Air Quality Permit Application Fees. This rule requires that an applicant submit an air quality permit application fee concurrent with the submittal of an air quality permit application. A permit application is incomplete until the proper application fee is paid to DEQ. American Chemet submitted the appropriate permit application fee for the current permit action.
2. ARM 17.8.505 Air Quality Operation Fees. An annual air quality operation fee must, as a condition of continued operation, be submitted to DEQ by each source of air contaminants holding an air quality permit (excluding an open burning permit) issued by DEQ. The air quality operation fee is based on the actual or estimated actual amount of air pollutants emitted during the previous calendar year.

An air quality operation fee is separate and distinct from an air quality permit application fee. The annual assessment and collection of the air quality operation fee, described above, shall take place on a calendar-year basis. DEQ may insert into any final permit issued after the effective date of these rules, such conditions as may be necessary to require the payment of an air quality operation fee on a calendar-year basis, including provisions that prorate the required fee amount.

- F. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 7 – Permit, Construction and Operation of Air Contaminant Sources, including, but not limited to:
1. ARM 17.8.740 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
  2. ARM 17.8.743 Montana Air Quality Permits--When Required. This rule requires a person to obtain an air quality permit to construct, modify, or use an air contaminant source, which has the PTE more than 25 tons per year (tpy) of any pollutant. American Chemet has the PTE more than 25 tpy of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and CO; therefore, an air quality permit is required.
  3. ARM 17.8.744 Montana Air Quality Permits-- General Exclusions. This rule identifies the activities that are not subject to the Montana Air Quality Permit Program.
  4. ARM 17.8.745 When Permit Required--Exclusion for De Minimis Changes. This rule identifies the de minimis changes at permitted facilities that do not require a permit under the Montana Air Quality Permit Program.
  5. ARM 17.8.748 New or Modified Emitting Units--Permit Application Requirements. (1) This rule requires that a permit application be submitted prior to installation, modification or use of a source. An application is not required for permit actions considered administrative amendments. The current permit action is considered an administrative permit change. (7) This rule requires that the applicant notify the public by means of legal publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the application for a permit. A public notice is not required for permit actions which are considered administrative amendments. The current permit action is considered an administrative permit change.
  6. ARM 17.8.749 Conditions for Issuance or Denial of Permit. This rule requires that the permits issued by DEQ must authorize the construction and operation of the facility or emitting unit subject to the conditions in the permit and the requirements of this subchapter. This rule also requires that the permit must contain any conditions necessary to assure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), the Clean Air Act of Montana, and rules adopted under those acts.
  7. ARM 17.8.752 Emission Control Requirements. American Chemet is required to install on the new or modified source the maximum air pollution control capability, which is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be utilized. A discussion of the BACT Analysis is contained in Section III of this analysis.
  8. ARM 17.8.755 Inspection of Permit. This rule requires that air quality permits shall be made available for inspection by DEQ at the location of the source.
  9. ARM 17.8.756 Compliance with Other Requirements. This rule states that nothing in the permit shall be construed as relieving American Chemet of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, *et seq.*
  10. ARM 17.8.759 Additional Review of Permit Applications. This rule describes DEQ's responsibilities for processing permit applications and making permit decisions on those

permit applications that do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

11. ARM 17.8.762 Duration of Permit. An air quality permit shall be valid until revoked or modified, as provided in this subchapter, except that a permit issued prior to construction of a new or modified source may contain a condition providing that the permit will expire unless construction is commenced within the time specified in the permit, which in no event may be less than 1 year after the permit is issued.
  12. ARM 17.8.763 Revocation of Permit. An air quality permit may be revoked upon written request of the permittee, or for violations of any requirement of the Clean Air Act of Montana, rules adopted under the Clean Air Act of Montana, the FCAA, rules adopted under the FCAA, or any applicable requirement contained in the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP).
  13. ARM 17.8.764 Administrative Amendment of Permit. An air quality permit may be amended for changes in any applicable rules and standards adopted by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) or changed conditions of operation at a source or stack that do not result in an increase in emissions because of those changed conditions. The owner or operator of a facility may not increase the facility's emissions beyond permit limits unless the increase meets the criteria in ARM 17.8.745 for a de minimis change not requiring a permit, or unless the owner or operator applies for and receives another permit in accordance with ARM 17.8.748, ARM 17.8.749, ARM 17.8.752, ARM 17.8.755, and ARM 17.8.756, and with all applicable requirements in ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapters 8, 9, and 10.
  14. ARM 17.8.734 Transfer of Permit. This rule states that an air quality permit may be transferred from one person to another if written notice of Intent to Transfer, including the names of the transferor and the transferee, are sent to DEQ.
  15. ARM 17.8.770 Additional Requirements for Incinerators. This rule specifies the additional information that must be submitted to DEQ for incineration facilities subject to 75-2-215, MCA.
- G. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 8 – Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality, including, but not limited to:
1. ARM 17.8.801 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this subchapter.
  - ARM 17.8.818 Review of Major Stationary Sources and Major Modifications--Source Applicability and Exemptions. The requirements contained in ARM 17.8.819 through ARM 17.8.827 shall apply to any major stationary source and any major modification, with respect to each pollutant subject to regulation under the FCAA that it would emit, except as this subchapter would otherwise allow.

American Chemet is not a major stationary source since this facility is not a listed source and the facility's PTE is below 250 tons per year of any pollutant (excluding fugitive emissions). Therefore, a New Source Review (NSR) analysis is not required.



H. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 12 – Operating Permit Program Applicability, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.1201 Definitions. (23) Major Source under Section 7412 of the FCAA is defined as any stationary source having:
  - a. PTE > 100 tpy of any pollutant.
  - b. PTE > 10 tpy of any single Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP), or PTE > 25 tpy of any combination of HAP's, or lesser quantity as DEQ may establish by rule.
  - c. PTE > 70 tpy of PM<sub>10</sub> in a serious PM<sub>10</sub> non-attainment area.
2. ARM 17.8.1204 Air Quality Operating Permit Program Applicability. (1) Title V of the FCAA Amendments of 1990 requires that all sources, as defined in ARM 17.8.1204(1), obtain a Title V Operating Permit. In reviewing and issuing MAQP #1993-25 for American Chemet, the following conclusions were made:
  - a. The facility's PTE is less than 100 tpy for any pollutant.
  - b. The facility's PTE is less than 10 tpy for any single HAP and less than 25 tpy of combined HAPs.
  - c. This source is not located in a serious PM<sub>10</sub> non-attainment area.
  - d. This facility is not subject to any current NSPS.
  - e. This facility is not subject to any current NESHAP.
  - f. This source is not a Title IV affected source.
  - g. This source is not an EPA designated Title V source.

Based on these facts, DEQ has determined that American Chemet will be a minor source of emissions as defined under Title V.

I. MCA 75-2-215, Solid or Hazardous Waste Incineration - additional permit requirements:

1. MCA 75-2-215 requires air quality permits for all new commercial solid waste incinerators. In a previous permitting action, American Chemet complied with this requirement. In accordance with MCA 75-2-211(9)(b), the current permit action does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement, and therefore is not subject to the provisions of MCA 75-2-215.
2. MCA 75-2-215 requires the applicant to provide, to DEQ's satisfaction, a characterization and estimate of emissions and ambient concentrations of air pollutants, including HAPs from the incineration of solid or hazardous waste. DEQ determined that the information submitted in a previous permit application fulfilled this requirement. The current permit action does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement, and therefore is not subject to the provisions of MCA 75-2-215.

3. MCA 75-2-215 requires that DEQ reach a determination that the projected emissions and ambient concentrations constitute a negligible risk to public health, safety, and welfare. DEQ previously determined negligible risk through a health risk assessment. The current permit action does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement, and therefore is not subject to the provisions of MCA 75-2-215.
4. MCA 75-2-215 requires the application of pollution control equipment or procedures that meet or exceed BACT. The current permit action does not require BACT because the action is an administrative amendment.

### III. BACT Determination

A BACT determination is required for each new or modified source. American Chemet shall install on the new or modified source the maximum air pollution control capability which is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be utilized.

A BACT determination was not required for the current permit action because the permit change is considered an administrative permit change.

### IV. Emission Inventory

**Table IV.A**

Emissions Tons/Year [PTE] <sup>(a)</sup>									
Emissions Table	PM <sup>(b)</sup>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	PM <sub>cond</sub>	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	VOC	Pb
Table IV.B	87.42	87.42	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Table IV.C <sup>(c)</sup>	1.51	1.51	1.15	0.9	13.23	19.91	0.12	0.81	--
Table IV.D	--	--	--	--	26.16	--	--	--	--
Table IV.E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.06
Total Emissions ▶	88.94	88.94	1.15	0.84	39.39	19.91	0.12	0.81	0.06

*(a) Emission calculations based on continuous operation at 8,760 hours per year*

*(b) PM emissions presented are assumed to be PM<sub>10</sub>*

*(c) PM emission represents the sum of the filterable and condensable particulate matter (CPM) fractions. All CPM is considered to be PM<sub>2.5</sub>*

acfm, actual cubic feet per minute

CO, carbon monoxide

dscf, dry standard cubic feet

dscfm, dry standard cubic feet per minute

°F, degrees Fahrenheit

gr, gains

Hg, mercury

lb, pound

MMscf, million standard cubic feet

NO<sub>x</sub>, oxides of nitrogen

Pb, lead

PTE, Potential To Emit

PM, particulate matter

PM<sub>COND</sub>, condensable particulate matter

PM<sub>2.5</sub>, particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 microns or less [Sum of condensable and filterable]

PM<sub>10</sub>, particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less

scf, standard cubic feet

SO<sub>2</sub>, oxides of sulfur

tpy, tons per year

VOC, volatile organic compounds

Table IV.B

Emitting Unit(s)	Stack ID	Control Equipment	acfm	dscfm	Temp (°F)	Moisture Content %	(gr/dscf)	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)
#1 Zinc	#1	Baghouse	9500	7498.8	98	4	0.01	0.64	0.96
#1 Copper Furnace	#2	Baghouse	8100	5116.1	230	5	0.015	0.66	2.88
#5 Copper Mill Vent Baghouse	#4	Baghouse	2999	2544.3	70	2	0.015	0.33	1.43
#5 Copper Mill Transfer Baghouse	#5	Baghouse	1200	1018.1	70	2	0.015	0.13	0.57
#5 Copper Mill Feed Baghouse	#6	Baghouse	2999	2544.3	70	2	0.015	0.33	1.43
#8 Copper Blender	#7	Baghouse	6200	5260.0	70	2	0.01	0.45	1.97
#9 Copper Blender (Disconnected Blender + Closed Loop)	#8	Closed Loop	2000	1696.8	70	2	0.01	0.00	0.00
#11 Copper Mill Vent	#9	Baghouse	1500	1272.6	70	2	0.015	0.16	0.72
#11 Copper Mill Feed	#10	Baghouse	3500	2969.4	70	2	0.015	0.38	1.67
#11 Copper Mill Support	#11	Baghouse	8000	6787.1	70	2	0.01	0.58	2.55
#47 Copper Screen									
#48 Copper Mill									
#16 Copper Furnace	#14	Baghouse	6000	5090.3	70	2	0.01	0.44	1.91
#17 Copper Furnace		New 2022	7500	6362.9	70	2	0.01	0.55	2.39
#18 Copper Furnace									
#16 Copper Furnace (Oxidation Unit for #16 Cu Furnace - #43 Gas Processor)	#14A, #14B	Oxidation Unit							
#17 Copper Furnace (Oxidation unit for #16 Cu Furnace - #43 Gas Processor)									
#19 Copper Furnace	#15	Oxidation Unit		5600.0	5600	2	0.1	4.80	12.00
#76 Packer, #77 Packer	#18	Baghouse	4500	3817.7	70	2	0.01	0.33	1.43
#59 Packer (Bin System)	#20	Baghouse	4752	4031.5	70	2	0.01	0.35	1.51
#59 Packer									
#28 Copper Furnace	#21	Baghouse	7500	6362.9	70	2	0.01	0.55	2.39
#74 Copper Furnace									
#34 Copper Mill	#25	Baghouse	4188	3553.1	70	2	0.01	0.30	1.33
#35 Copper Sieve									
#36 Copper Blender									
#37 Copper Packer									
#44 Copper Mill									
#73 Copper Furnace	#27	Baghouse	7500	5960.4	100	3	0.015	0.77	3.36
#3 Copper Furnace									
#2 Copper Furnace									
#43 Copper Blender	#30	Baghouse	7000	5076.2	160	2	0.01	0.44	1.91
#41 Copper Furnace (Outlet)	#31	Baghouse	8100	5277.7	230	2	0.015	0.68	2.97
#30 Copper Mill	#32	Baghouse	8333	6964.4	78	2	0.01	0.60	2.61
#32 Crusher									
#46 Copper Mill									
#24 Copper Mill									
#72 Copper Mill									
#49 Gas Processor	#33	Baghouse							
#26 Packer									
#79 Packer	#35	Baghouse	5300	4496.5	70	2	0.015	0.58	2.53
#80 Packer		New 2022	7500	6362.9	70	2	0.015	0.82	3.58
#52 Copper Mixer	#36	Baghouse	5300	4496.5	70	2	0.01	0.39	1.69
#58 Copper Sizer (Closed Loop)									
#41 Copper Furnace (Inlet)	#38	Baghouse	6600	5428.0	70	5	0.015	0.70	3.06
#59 Packer	#39	Baghouse	5000	4241.9	70	2	0.015	0.55	2.39
#61 Copper Mill	#41	Baghouse	5000	4241.9	70	2	0.015	0.55	2.39
#61 Copper Mill Feed	#42	Baghouse							
#66 Copper Furnace									
#68 Packer		New 2022	10,000	8483.9	70	2	0.01	0.73	3.19
#31 Copper Sieve									
#67 Copper Furnace									
#66 Copper Furnace Feed	#43	Baghouse	6000	4934.5	70	5	0.01	0.42	1.85
#67 Copper Furnace Feed									
#69 Copper Mill	#44	Baghouse	6800	5710.2	70	3	0.01	0.49	2.14
#70 Copper Mixer	#45	Baghouse	8000	6821.7	70	1.5	0.01	0.58	2.56
#71 Copper Mixer									
#60 Copper Furnace	#46	Baghouse	3500	1942.5	350	2	0.015	0.25	1.09
#53 Copper Mixer	#47	Baghouse	10000	8483.9	70	2	0.01	0.73	3.19
#54 Copper Mixer									
Stack 48 Duct Burner	#48	Baghouse	6000	3557.6	275	5	0.01	0.30	1.34
#75 Copper Furnace	#49	Baghouse	10500	4587.4	275	30	0.01	0.39	1.72
#78 Copper Mill	#50	Baghouse Internal Only	5,500	4666.1	70	2	0.015	0.60	2.63
#51 Duct Burner	#51	Baghouse	6,000	3683.0	70	2	0.01	0.32	1.38
#81 Copper Furnace	#52	Baghouse	10,000	7146.0	70	2	0.01	0.61	2.68
								<b>Total</b>	<b>87.42</b>

**Table IV.C**

		Combustion Emissions						
		Usage	PM	PM <sub>cond</sub>	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	VOC
Stack ID	Emitting Unit(s)	MMscf/yr	tpy	tpy	tpy	tpy	tpy	tpy
#1	#1 Zinc	8.6	0.03	0.02	0.36	0.43	0.00	0.02
#2	#1 Copper Furnace	18.2	0.07	0.05	0.76	0.91	0.01	0.05
#14	#16 Copper Furnace	1	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.00	0
	#17 Copper Furnace	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.005	0.00	0
	#18 Copper Furnace	3.7	0.01	0.01	0.16	0.185	0.00	0.01
#14A	#16 Copper Furnace	3.5	0.01	0.01	0.15	0.175	0.00	0
#14B	#17 Copper Furnace	1.75	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.0875	0.00	0
#15	#19 Copper Furnace	11.4	0.04	0.03	0.48	0.57	0.00	0.03
#21	#28 Copper Furnace	18	0.07	0.05	0.76	0.9	0.01	0.05
#27	#2 Copper Furnace	8	0.03	0.02	0.34	0.4	0.00	0.02
	#3 Copper Furnace	5.35	0.02	0.02	0.22	0.2675	0.00	0.01
	#73 Copper Furnace	17.52	0.07	0.05	0.74	0.876	0.01	0.01
#30	#43 Copper Blender	2.19	0.01	0.01	0.09	0.1095	0.00	0.01
#31	#41 Copper Furnace	39	0.15	0.11	1.64	1.95	0.01	0.11
#33	#49 Gas Processor	22.6	0.09	0.06	0.95	1.13	0.01	0.06
#38	#41 Copper Furnace	39	0.15	0.11	1.64	1.95	0.01	0.11
#40	#60 Copper Furnace	21.9	0.08	0.06	0.92	1.095	0.01	0.06
#42	#66 Copper Furnace (67, Boiler & Duct Burner)	93.21	0.35	0.27	3.91	4.66	0.03	0.26
#48	Duct Burner	17.52	0.07	0.05	0.74	0.88	0.01	
#49	#75 Copper Furnace	43.8	0.17	0.12	1.84	2.19	0.01	
#51	#51 Duct Burner	21.81	0.08	0.06	0.92	1.09	0.01	
Combustion Emission Totals ▶			1.51297	1.134728	16.7223	19.9075	0.119445	0.806328

Table IV.D												
		Reformed Gas [CO]			Furnace CO Conversion Rate		CO Emissions					
Process Rate ▶		Density	Production		Single	Combined	Uncontrolled		Controlled			
(scf/hr)		(lbs/scf)	(scf/hr)	(lbs/hr)	(lbs/hr)	(lbs/hr)	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)		
9000		0.078035	1800	140.5	7	21	119.5	523.3	6.0	26.2		
Process Emissions - Lead												
Basis: Environmental Review Board												
- American Chemet Board Order dated 8/4/1995 and 6/30/1995 limiting lead emissions.												
Table IV.E												
		Lead Emissions										
Emitting Unit	(lbs/Yrs)	(tpy)										
#1 Copper Furnace	61.6	0.0308										
#41 Copper Furnace	61.6	0.0308										
Total Emissions ▶	123.2	0.0616										

## V. Existing Air Quality

The air quality of the area is currently classified as "Better than National Standards" or unclassifiable/attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants (40 CFR 81.327). ARM Chapter 17.8, Subchapter 2, establishes the Montana Ambient Air Quality Standards (MAAQS). East Helena (including the American Chemet site) was previously designated as nonattainment for SO<sub>2</sub> and lead (Pb). Both of those nonattainment areas were associated with the now-closed ASARCO lead smelter. Both nonattainment areas were redesignated to attainment by the US EPA on October 11, 2019. American Chemet will continue to comply with stipulation provisions associated with the Pb Nonattainment Area plans.

## VI. Air Quality Impacts

The current permitting action reduced emissions by taking hourly limits and accepting lower grain loading limits. DEQ believes this action will not cause or contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard.

## VII. Taking or Damaging Implication Analysis

As required by 2-10-105, MCA, DEQ conducted a private property taking and damaging assessment.

YES	NO	
X		1. Does the action pertain to land or water management or environmental regulation affecting private real property or water rights?
	X	2. Does the action result in either a permanent or indefinite physical occupation of private property?
	X	3. Does the action deny a fundamental attribute of ownership? (ex.: right to exclude others, disposal of property)
	X	4. Does the action deprive the owner of all economically viable uses of the property?
	X	5. Does the action require a property owner to dedicate a portion of property or to grant an easement? [If no, go to (6)].
		5a. Is there a reasonable, specific connection between the government requirement and legitimate state interests?
		5b. Is the government requirement roughly proportional to the impact of the proposed use of the property?
	X	6. Does the action have a severe impact on the value of the property? (consider economic impact, investment-backed expectations, character of government action)
	X	7. Does the action damage the property by causing some physical disturbance with respect to the property in excess of that sustained by the public generally?
	X	7a. Is the impact of government action direct, peculiar, and significant?
	X	7b. Has government action resulted in the property becoming practically inaccessible, waterlogged or flooded?
	X	7c. Has government action lowered property values by more than 30% and necessitated the physical taking of adjacent property or property across a public way from the property in question?

## VIII. Environmental Assessment

An Environmental Assessment was not required for this permitting action because it is considered an administrative action.

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