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OPERATING PERMIT TECHNICAL REVIEW DOCUMENT**

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Dillon Talc Processing Facility
East ½ of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 9 West, in Beaverhead County
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The following table summarizes the air quality programs testing, monitoring, and reporting requirements applicable to this facility.

| Facility Compliance Requirements | Yes | No | Comments |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Source Tests Required | X | | Method 5 and Method 9 (as required) |
| Ambient Monitoring Required | | X | |
| Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems (COMS) Required | | X | |
| Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) Required | | X | |
| Schedule of Compliance Required | | X | |
| Annual Compliance Certification and Semiannual Reporting Required | X | | |
| Monthly Reporting Required | | X | |
| Quarterly Reporting Required | | X | |
| Applicable Air Quality Programs | | | |
| Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) Subchapter 7 Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP) | X | | MAQP #1995 |
| New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) | X | | 40 CFR 60, Subparts OOO and UUU |
| National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS) | X | | 40 CFR 61, Subpart M |
| Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) | X | | 40 CFR 63, Subpart CCCCC |
| Major New Source Review (NSR) - includes Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and/or Non-attainment Area (NAA) NSR | | X | |
| Risk Management Plan Required (RMP) | | X | |
| Acid Rain Title IV | | X | |
| Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) | | X | |
| State Implementation Plan (SIP) | X | | General SIP |

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SECTION I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Purpose

This document establishes the basis for the decisions made regarding the applicable requirements, monitoring plan, and compliance status of emission units affected by the operating permit proposed for this facility. The document is intended for reference during review of the proposed permit by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the public. It is also intended to provide background information not included in the operating permit and to document issues that may become important during modifications or renewals of the permit. Conclusions in this document are based on information provided in:

- the original application submitted by Barretts Minerals, Inc. (Barretts) on March 19, 1995;
- the significant modification application submitted by Barretts on May 20, 2003, and additional information submitted on September 22, 2003;
- the renewal application submitted on July 20, 2004;
- the significant modification application submitted on January 19, 2005, and additional information submitted on February 3, 2005;
- the significant modification application submitted on May 10, 2005, and additional information submitted on June 8, 2005;
- the significant modification application submitted on May 1, 2006;
- the significant modification application submitted on September 22, 2006, and additional information submitted on October 10, 2006;
- the renewal application submitted on September 15, 2009;
- the de minimis notice received on December 9, 2011;
- the administrative amendment request received on February 29, 2012;
- the de minimis notice received on July 21, 2014;
- the renewal application received on September 1, 2015;
- the de minimis application received June 14, 2018, that withdrew a May 17, 2018 application, and additional information submitted on July 20, 2018; and
- the renewal application received on November 22, 2021, supplemental information clarifying 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOO applicability criteria information received June 30, 2021, and requested information received March 8, 2022.

B. Facility Location

Elevation NewCo, LLC (Elevation) owns and operates a talc processing facility located in the East ½ of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 9 West, in Beaverhead County, Montana. Beaverhead County is designated as an Unclassifiable/Attainment area for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for all criteria pollutants. The facility is located approximately 7 miles South of Dillon, adjacent to Interstate 15. The complex entrance is near the Beaverhead Canyon along the Beaverhead River.

C. Facility Background Information

Montana Air Quality Permit Background

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued the original Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP) to Pfizer, Inc. (Pfizer) on June 30, 1970. MAQP **#179-082470** was issued for the #1 Jet Mill.

DEQ issued MAQP **#561-061273** on May 16, 1973, for Hammermills #3 and #4, the Bauer Mill, and the Bagging Plant.

MAQP **#574-071073** was issued June 16, 1973, for the secondary cone crusher and the #1 Jet Mill.

MAQP **#638-101073** was issued October 5, 1973, for the #3 (66") Roller Mill, #2 Jet Mill, and bagging plant.

MAQP **#690-022674** was issued February 25, 1974, for the rotary kiln.

MAQP **#1061** was issued April 28, 1977, for the #1 (50") Roller Mill.

MAQP **#1081** was issued July 12, 1977, for the central vacuum system.

MAQP **#1090** was issued July 12, 1977, for the #2 (50") Roller Mill.

MAQP **#1186** was issued February 22, 1978, for the JS 30 Jet Stream Classifier and related equipment.

MAQP **#1493** was issued June 27, 1980, for a #4 Raymond Roller Mill, #3 Jet Mill, and the Packaging equipment. This equipment was never installed.

MAQP **#1576** was issued April 20, 1981, for a Jet Mill Nuisance Dust Collector. This equipment was never installed.

MAQP **#1583** was issued April 22, 1981. This permit was an operating permit to cover the following permits: MAQP #1576; MAQP #1186; MAQP #1061; MAQP #1081; MAQP #574-071073; MAQP #561-061273; MAQP #638-101073; and MAQP #1090.

MAQP **#1618** was issued August 18, 1981, for the #1 Jet Mill.

MAQP **#1995** was issued February 15, 1985, for the talc densifier.

The Large Bag Filling system was installed on January 8, 1986. No permit was issued for this construction.

MAQP **#1995A** was issued May 8, 1990, for the beneficiation plant. MAQP #1995A replaced all previously issued permits.

MAQP **#1995-02** was issued June 3, 1992, for the addition of the JS 80 Classifier, a Classifier Feed Bin, Pack Bin, packer, and related equipment. This equipment was added to the plant to allow the company to market a new product. MAQP #1995-02 replaced MAQP #1995A.

MAQP #1995-03 was issued December 7, 1992, for a Semi-bulk packaging system. This permit also changed the name on the MAQP from Pfizer to Barretts, as requested by the company. MAQP #1995-03 replaced MAQP #1995-02.

MAQP #1995-04 was issued November 18, 1993, for the installation and operation of Silo #7, Silo #8, Silo #9, Silo #10, the Bulk Loadout System, HiRoller Enclosed Belt conveyor, and Packer (PKR33103). All these sources, except the Bulk Loadout system, are subject to Standards of Performance for New Stationary Source (NSPS) 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO, requirements. Silo #7, Silo #8, and the Bulk Loadout System were installed at the plant in 1990 without a permit. Since this was discovered, Barretts applied to have the equipment added to the permit. Silo #9 and Silo #10 were installed in May of 1994. The HiRoller Enclosed Belt conveyor was installed to replace the current screw conveyors used to feed the beneficiation plant. The Packer (PKR33103) was planned to increase the bag accuracy by increasing the fill time and was added to the existing pack out area. The conveyor and packer were controlled by existing baghouses.

The permit also included some clarifications and the addition of Barretts' numbering system for identifying equipment. The numbers were incorporated into the permit. DEQ uses the numbers, along with the descriptions of equipment, in communications concerning the facility. The descriptions and numbers are also used for conducting emission inventories and tracking an exceedance.

The clarifications associated with the permit were the more detailed identification of which sources at the plant (to the best of DEQ's knowledge) are subject to NSPS requirements. The two NSPS subparts that have been identified as affecting this facility are 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO, and 40 CFR 60, Subpart UUU. MAQP #1995-04 replaced MAQP #1995-03.

MAQP #1995-05 was issued January 29, 1995, for the installation and operation of the following equipment: Coated Talc #1 Feed Bin; Coated Talc #2 Feed Bin; K-tron Feed Bin; Coated Talc Recycle System; Coated Talc #1 Product Silo; Coated Talc #2 Product Silo; Coated Talc Small Bag Packer; Coated Talc Semi-Bulk Packer; ACM Mill; and the associated control equipment. With the addition of this equipment, coated talc production increased from 1,000 pounds per hour (lbs/hr) to 4,000 lbs/hr.

The ACM Mill allowed the facility to increase the production and sizing capabilities of milled talc. The addition of the ACM Mill also allowed Barretts to change the use of the existing mills to allow for a better flow of sized materials. MAQP #1995-05 replaced MAQP #1995-04.

MAQP #1995-06 was issued December 17, 1995, for the installation and operation of a talc pelletizer system including a dryer (natural gas-fired, vibratory), loadout conveyor and loadout system, and the associated control equipment. Two existing bins, which had not previously been permitted, were also included (Compactor Classifier Bin and Compactor Jet Mill Feed Bin). As part of this permit action, the requirement for daily opacity observations was reduced to weekly opacity observations. MAQP #1995-06 replaced MAQP #1995-05.

MAQP #1995-07 was issued April 29, 1996, for the relocation of semi-bulk packaging equipment and the addition of the #1 and #2 Semi-bulk Feed Bins and collectors. MAQP #1995-07 replaced MAQP #1995-06.

On July 24, 1999, Barretts was issued MAQP #1995-08. Barretts requested an alternative to the required weekly visible emission observations and the delta pressure data from baghouse sources. The modification required regular inspection and preventive maintenance similar to what will be required at the facility through the Title V permit. In addition, the equipment list was updated with the correct source terminology.

The calciner was removed from the list of equipment requiring a baghouse (Section II.A.3 of MAQP #1995-07) because the Calciner was incorrectly incorporated into Section II.A.3 in MAQP #1995-04.

The beneficiation dryer's particulate limit and opacity limitation listed in Section II.B.5 of MAQP #1995-07 were corrected. The limitations were incorrectly stated in MAQP #1995-07. The corrected values were incorporated into Section II.B.8 of the permit.

The new silo and the new baghouse that were constructed according to the provisions of the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.705(1)(r) were incorporated into the equipment list in the permit analysis. The project was completed to improve the Roller Mill rejects collection and recycling system (Throw-puts alley). The existing DC032407 Mikro-Pulsaire Model 16S-8-20 baghouse was replaced with a Mikro-Pulsaire Model 36S-8-20 baghouse. Further, the testing requirements and the rule references were updated. **MAQP #1995-08** replaced MAQP #1995-07.

On October 18, 2000, Barretts was issued MAQP #1995-09, for the addition of a 30-ton storage silo (CPS Storage Silo) and two associated baghouses (CPS Silo Baghouse and CPS Vacuum Packer Baghouse) to the existing centralized packaging system. The CPS Silo Baghouse controls emissions resulting from material transfer to the silo and the CPS Silo Reclaim Baghouse captures emissions from the packaging reclaim system. **MAQP #1995-09** replaced MAQP #1995-08.

On November 6, 2000, DEQ received a letter, from Barretts, requesting that MAQP #1995-09 be modified so that the equipment identification nomenclature would match the nomenclature in Barretts Title V operating permit.

In addition, on March 23, 2001, DEQ received a request for the installation and operation of a dust collector on top of silo #15. The baghouse was to be operated as process equipment utilized for product reclaim during silo loading operations. Because potential emissions from the baghouse were less than the de minimis threshold of 15 tons per year, the change was a de minimis change as defined in ARM 17.8.705(1)(r).

Further, on April 5, 2001, DEQ received a letter requesting changes in the emission testing requirements for certain equipment at the plant. MAQP #1995-09 requires that several pieces of near identical equipment be tested on the same frequency and schedule. Barretts proposed that these units be tested on an alternating schedule pending any significant affected equipment or process changes.

On July 6, 2001, Barretts was issued MAQP #1995-10, for the installation and operation of the dust collector baghouse on top of silo #15. The baghouse was added to the MAQP according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.705(1)(r). In addition, the equipment identification nomenclature was updated to match the nomenclature used in Barretts Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-00. However, Barretts' request to modify the testing schedules of several pieces of equipment was not incorporated into MAQP #1995-10 because all of the testing requirements in Section II.C of

the MAQP include a specific schedule and the statement “or another testing schedule as may be approved by DEQ”. DEQ determined that any testing schedule change requests would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. **MAQP #1995-10** replaced MAQP #1995-09.

On May 20, 2003, DEQ received a request from Bison Engineering, Inc. (Bison), on behalf of Barretts, requesting an administrative amendment to MAQP #1995-10. Specifically, Barretts requested the following changes to MAQP #1995-10:

- Update the emitting unit descriptions and/or titles;
- Remove decommissioned equipment from the permit;
- Add equipment to the permit that was incorporated according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745(1);
- Separate multiple emitting units that are referenced as one emitting unit;
- Combine multiple emitting units that vent through the same baghouse (process equipment) into one single emitting unit;
- Revise the testing schedules of controlled point sources; and
- Add a new Jet Mill (#4 Jet Mill) to the facility according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745.

This permit action incorporated the changes requested by Barretts. In addition, the conditions requiring initial source tests (conditions II.C.1 through II.C.9) were removed from the permit because Barretts completed all of the initial source tests, as appropriate. **MAQP #1995-11** replaced MAQP #1995-10.

On February 6, 2004, DEQ received a de minimis notification letter from, on behalf of Barretts. Barretts notified DEQ that they would be replacing the existing fan in the baghouse (DC032407) for the Roller Mill Rejects (Throw-outs) Silo (EU082). The change increased the airflow capacity of the baghouse to 2,973 actual cubic feet per minute (acfm), which represented a 1.404 ton per year increase in the facility’s Potential to Emit (PTE). The change was accomplished according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745 and the emission inventory contained in the permit analysis was adjusted to account for the change in the facility’s PTE. On May 21, 2004, **MAQP #1995-12** replaced MAQP #1995-11.

On June 4, 2004, DEQ received a de minimis notification letter from Bison, on behalf of Barretts. Barretts notified DEQ that they would be replacing the existing baghouse (DC032612) for the #1 Jet Mill and #4 Jet Mill (EU 037) with a smaller baghouse (DC032613). The new baghouse is designed to achieve a nominal air flow rate of 5,000 dry standard cubic feet per minute (dscfm) and a maximum Particulate Matter (PM) and particulate matter of less than 10 microns (PM₁₀) emission rate of 0.020 grains/dscf (gr/dscf). The new baghouse had the PTE PM and PM₁₀ at a rate of 3.754 tons per year.

In addition, Barretts notified DEQ of the addition of a new Silo (Silo #16, (EU 087)) and associated baghouse (DC032516) to be installed at the facility. The baghouse is designed to achieve a nominal air flow rate of 3,200 dscfm and a maximum PM and PM₁₀ emission rate of 0.020 gr/dscf. The new baghouse had the PTE PM and PM₁₀ at a rate of 2.405 tons per year.

Further, Barretts requested that DEQ remove the #1 Jet Mill Pack Bin (lift fan) (EU 038) from the permit because the equipment has been removed from operations. The permit action incorporated Barretts’ requests into the permit according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745. Furthermore, as referenced in the Title V Renewal application submitted on July 20, 2004, minor

errors in the emission inventory were corrected. On August 26, 2004, MAQP #1995-13 replaced MAQP #1995-12.

On January 13, 2005, DEQ received a de minimis notification letter from Barretts. Barretts notified DEQ of the addition of a new talc mill (ACM #2 Mill) and associated fabric filter baghouse (DCO32522). The baghouse is designed to achieve a nominal air flow rate of 12,000 acfm (8,845 dscfm) and a maximum PM and PM₁₀ emission rate of 0.020 gr/dscf. The baghouse had a PTE PM and PM₁₀ of 6.64 tons per year.

In addition, Barretts notified DEQ of a modification of the Roller Mill Rejects (Throw-outs) Silo (EU 082) baghouse (DCO32407). The modification consists of increasing the nominal airflow rate from 2307 acfm (1790 dscfm) to 2900 ACFM (2250 dscfm). The maximum PM and PM₁₀ emission rate of the baghouse will remain 0.020 gr/dscf. The modified baghouse had a PTE PM and PM₁₀ of 1.689 tons per year.

Further, Barretts notified DEQ of the addition of a new vacuum system (ACM surface vacuum). Barretts reported a PTE of 0.00 tons per year for the vacuum system because it would vent inside EU 082. The current permit action incorporated Barretts' requests into the permit according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745(1). In addition, conditions were added to the permit according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745(2) that required the ACM #2 Mill be vented to a baghouse and required the ACM surface vacuum be vented inside EU082. Furthermore, NSPS conditions were applied to the ACM #2 Mill. On March 18, 2005, MAQP #1995-14 replaced MAQP #1995-13.

On October 26, 2005, May 10, 2005, and May 1, 2006, DEQ received de minimis notification letters from Barretts. Barretts notified DEQ of the replacement of the Roller Mill Rejects (Throw-outs) Silo baghouse, the addition of a heat sterilization system, and a new talc mill designated as the #5 Jet Mill, respectively. The current permit action added the de minimis equipment to MAQP #1995-14.

Barretts replaced the baghouse on the Roller Mill Rejects (Throw-outs) Silo to enhance dust collection capabilities. The replacement resulted in an increase in air flow capacity from 2970 acfm to 4000 acfm with an increase in emissions of 0.623 tons per year. The addition of the heat sterilization system was to give the facility the ability to treat talc for specialty markets. The addition of the new #5 Jet Mill will increase emissions 2.07 tons per year, have a design capacity of 4914 acfm and will not require expansion of the boiler capacity. The emission inventory was updated to reflect the additional emissions. On August 4, 2006, MAQP #1995-15 replaced MAQP #1995-14.

On September 22, 2006, DEQ received a de minimis notification letter from Barretts. Barretts notified DEQ of the addition of a new silo (Silo #17) and associated fabric filter baghouse (DCO-328-22). The baghouse is designed to achieve a nominal air flow rate of 1,200 acfm (978 dscfm) and a maximum PM and PM₁₀ emission rate of 0.020 gr/dscf. The baghouse has a PTE PM and PM₁₀ of 0.736 tons per year. The current permit action added Silo #17 to the MAQP according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745(1). Conditions were also added to the permit according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745(2) that will require Silo #17 be vented to a baghouse and identified NSPS requirements applicable to Silo #17.

In addition, two jet mills that were previously added to the permit (#4 jet mill (EU 037) and #5 jet mill (EU 092)) had been identified as being subject to NSPS, Subpart OOO. Therefore, NSPS conditions were applied to EU 037 (only the #4 jet mill) and EU 092. Further, a

condition was added to the permit according to the provisions of ARM 17.8.745(2) that will require EU 092 be vented to a baghouse. On January 22, 2007, MAQP #1995-16 replaced MAQP #1995-15.

On January 20, 2009, DEQ received a de minimis notification letter in accordance with ARM 17.8.745(1)(b) from Barretts. The de minimis action added a baghouse to the existing #1 Jet Mill Crude Bin to prevent cross contamination with the #2 Jet Mill Crude Bin. The #1 Jet Mill Crude Bin and the #2 Jet Mill Crude Bin utilized the same baghouse prior to the project. Barretts also use this baghouse to capture and reclaim material used in the talc manufacturing process. The baghouse has a nominal fan capacity of 1000 acfm and a guaranteed maximum particulate emission rate of 0.02 gr/dscf.

The modification included the de minimis change and updated the permit to reflect current permit language, format, and rule references. MAQP #1995-17 replaced MAQP #1995-16.

On July 21, 2014, DEQ received a de minimis notification letter in accordance with ARM 17.8.745(1)(b) from Barretts requesting to install a new Talc Compaction System (TCS). The TCS project is designed to take finely ground talc and densify it through a roll compaction system. The system includes a feed system, compaction unit, transportation system and packaging equipment. The TCS will utilize an existing fabric filter reclaim system (FFRS) to capture air-entrained talc particles and return them to the process. Barretts plans to use the existing FFRS formerly assigned to the #4 Jet Stream Classifier Rotor (EU015). The emitting unit number, EU015, was retained and applied to the new TCS. MAQP #1995-18 replaced MAQP #1995-17.

On May 17, 2018, Barretts submitted to DEQ an application to modify MAQP #1995-18 to remove the existing wash plant (EU 032) and replace it with an optical sorting wash plant (EU 099). In addition, Barretts requested that a new wash plant jaw crusher (EU 097) and wash plant cone crusher (EU 098) be added. The existing wash plant jaw crusher (EU 067) was removed from normal operations but retained as backup equipment.

The purpose of the replacement was to improve efficiency and reliability and to add product grade separation capability. No production throughput rates upstream or downstream were changed because of the project. The replacement wash plant utilized existing stockpiles for fines, product, and off-specification material. The product pile was to be split into two separate color grades.

On June 14, 2018, Barretts sent a request to DEQ to withdraw the May 17, 2018, application to modify MAQP #1995-18. In its place, Barretts provided notice of a de minimis change to the facility in accordance with ARM 17.8.745. This application was incremented to MAQP #1995-20. Having reviewed the initial emissions estimates, Barretts identified an overly conservative assumption that did not accurately represent actual operations. The requested project was initially evaluated as requiring a permit modification assuming the baghouse would be required at its full capacity to control particulate emissions. However, the baghouse was included in the project to limit dust accumulation on surfaces within the sorter building, which houses the dry screen and sorters. Emissions from these units were expected to be minimal as the screen and sorters would be enclosed and located inside a building. Further, the optical sorters only handle wetted ore from which all fine material is removed and sized between 3/4" and 2". Considering these design factors, potential to emit was recalculated for the equipment inside the sorter building. Particulate emissions from the sorter building were less than one ton per year.

The June 14th document did not include PM emission estimates for the revised uncontrolled emission analysis. On June 19, 2018, Barretts submitted an analysis that used the AP-42, Chapter 11.19.2 tertiary crushing PM₁₀ emission factor to estimate PM emissions from the proposed primary and secondary crushers since PM emission factors for primary and secondary crushing are not available. Based on feedback from DEQ, the more conservative tertiary crushing PM emission factor were used to estimate PM emissions from the proposed primary and secondary crushers and Barretts provided a final process flow diagram indicating final design capabilities at the plant. This information was submitted to DEQ on July 20, 2018.

Specifically, the July 20, 2018, notification updated emission calculations to reflect a maximum combined crushing capacity of 110 tons/hr. While the jaw and cone crusher each have a manufacturer rated capacity of 110 tons/hr, their maximum capacity is limited downstream. The final process flow diagram submitted as part of the July 20, 2018, notification clarifies that the optical sorting plant can only process up to 110 tons/hr (55 tons/hr from each crusher), otherwise the system would be overwhelmed and shutdown.

DEQ updated the permit to include a December 9, 2011, de minimis request for the addition of a new talc mill. The mill and the feed bins included the installation of fabric filter reclaim systems (FFRS). This new equipment allowed Barretts to produce medium-grind product while not increasing the facility-wide production capacity. Section I.A Table 1 of the Permit Analysis was updated to include the new emitting points approved as part of the 2011 de minimis request.

The permit action modified the permit to include the new emitting units, the 2011 de minimis change, updated the emissions inventory and updated the permit to reflect current permit language, format, and rule references. **MAQP #1995-20** replaced MAQP #1995-18.

On June 28, 2024, DEQ received a request for the transfer of ownership from Barrett Mills, Inc. to Elevation NewCo, LLC. **MAQP #1995-21** replaced MAQP #1995-20.

Title V Operating Permit Background

On March 29, 1995, DEQ received an operating permit application for the Barretts talc processing facility. The permit application was deemed administratively complete on March 30, 1995; and the permit application was deemed technically complete on April 30, 1995. Additional submittals regarding the permit application were submitted on March 9, 1999. Title V Operating Permit **#OP1995-00** became final and effective on January 12, 2000.

On May 20, 2003, DEQ received a significant modification application from Bison, on behalf of Barretts, requesting several revisions to Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-00. Specifically, Barretts requested the following changes:

- Update the emitting unit descriptions and/or titles;
- Remove decommissioned equipment from the permit;
- Add equipment to the permit that has been incorporated into MAQP #1995-10, but not yet included in the Title V permit;
- Separate multiple emitting units that are referenced as one emitting unit;
- Combine multiple emitting units that vent through the same baghouse (process equipment) into one single emitting unit;
- Revise the testing schedules of controlled point sources; and
- Add a new Jet Mill (#4 Jet Mill) to the Title V permit that was incorporated into MAQP #1995-11 according the provisions of ARM 17.8.745.

On July 16, 2004, Title V Operating Permit #**OP1995-01** became final and effective and replaced Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-00.

On June 4, 2004, DEQ received a minor modification application (de minimis change notification letter) to incorporate the changes requested by Barretts that are noted in the MAQP Background Section (see MAQP #1995-13). Prior to DEQ determining if the changes would be considered a minor modification, Barretts submitted their renewal application on July 20, 2004. Therefore, DEQ decided to incorporate the changes as part of the Title V Permit Renewal. In addition, the centralized reclaim (EU044) was not previously included in the permit; therefore, DEQ added EU044 to Section H of the permit (Particulate Sources – NSPS with Baghouses) because DEQ believes that EU044 is an NSPS affected facility. On March 18, 2005, Title V Operating Permit #**OP1995-02** replaced Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-01.

On January 13, 2005, DEQ received a minor modification application (de minimis change notification letter) to incorporate the changes requested by Barretts that are noted in the MAQP Background Section (see MAQP #1995-14). On January 21, 2005, DEQ notified Barretts that the proposed changes could not be accomplished through a minor modification. On February 3, 2005, Barretts submitted the additional information that DEQ requested to proceed with issuing the significant modification. Title V Operating Permit #**OP1995-03** replaced Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-02.

On May 10, 2005, DEQ received a minor modification application (de minimis change notification letter) to incorporate changes requested by Barretts. Barretts requested to add a heat sterilization system to treat talc for specialty markets. On May 20, 2005, DEQ notified Barretts that the proposed changes could not be accomplished through a minor modification. On June 8, 2005, Barretts submitted the additional information that DEQ requested to proceed with issuing the significant modification. Title V Operating Permit #**OP1995-04** replaced Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-03.

On May 1, 2006, DEQ received a minor modification application (de minimis change notification letter) to incorporate a new talc mill (#5 Jet Mill) into Permit OP1995. Based on the information provided by Barretts, DEQ responded in a letter dated May 5, 2006, that a minor modification was not required because the #5 Jet Mill would be considered a insignificant emitting unit as defined in ARM 17.8.1201(22). DEQ informed Barretts that the permit would be updated during the next significant modification or renewal.

On September 22, 2006, DEQ received a minor modification application (de minimis notification letter) to incorporate a new silo (Silo #17) and associated fabric filter baghouse (DCO-328-22) into Permit OP1995. In addition, two jet mills that were previously added to the permit (#4 jet mill (EU 037) and #5 jet mill (EU 092)) were identified as being subject to NSPS, Subpart OOO. Therefore, NSPS conditions were applied to the #4 jet mill (part of EU 037) and EU 092. Further, a condition was added to the permit that requires EU 092 be vented to a baghouse. Title V Permit #**OP1995-05** replaces Title V Permit OP1995-04.

On September 15, 2009, DEQ received an application from Barretts to renew Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-05. No construction or changes in operations have occurred at the facility that would affect the permit since the last revision of the permit was issued in July of 2007. The renewal included updated permit language. Title V Operating Permit #**OP1995-06** replaced Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-05.

On February 29, 2012, DEQ received a correspondence from Barretts indicating that a change to the Responsible Official designation had occurred. In addition to the aforementioned change, the permit action incorporates a single de minimis notification submitted by Bison and received by DEQ on December 9, 2011. Three emitting units were added to the emissions unit list and appropriate permit conditions section associated with NSPS affected sources employing baghouses, identified as; #3 ACM (EU094), #3 ACM Wet Crude Bin (EU095), and #3 ACM Dry Crude Bin (EU096). In addition, Barretts requested the following equipment name changes;

- (EU008) #1 Jet Mill Crude Bin → #5 Jet Mill Crude Bin
- (EU034) #2 Jet Mill Pack Bins → #4 Jet Mill Crude Bin
- (EU037) #1 Jet Mill and #4 Jet Mill → #4 Jet Mill
- (EU057) Coated Talc Small Bag Packer Bin → Semi-bulk #7
- (EU079) ACM Blending Crude Bin → #2 ACM Crude Bin
- (EU089) ACM Surface Vacuum → ACM Throw-outs

Title V Operating Permit **#OP1995-07** replaced Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-06.

On September 1, 2015, Barretts submitted a complete application to renew Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-07. Since the operating permit was last modified in June of 2012, one de minimis change had occurred at Barretts. As reflected in MAQP #1995-18, Barretts removed the #4 Jet Stream Classifier Rotor (EU015) and replaced this unit with a new Talc Compaction System (TCS), utilizing the existing fabric filter reclaim system (FFRS). The emitting unit number, EU015, was retained and applied to the new TCS. In addition, this action Justin Bowers, EHS Manager was identified as the new Responsible Official. The renewal included any updated permit language, format and rule references. Title V Operating Permit **#OP1995-08** replaces Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-07.

On November 22, 2021, Barretts submitted a renewal application for Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-08. Additional information was supplied by Barretts on March 8, 2022. The application included a request to update the operating permit with MAQP actions since the operating permit was last modified in May 2017.

Previously, one de minimis application was submitted and then withdrawn. At the time Barretts withdrew the application, they submitted another de minimis application resulting in the issuance of MAQP #1995-20. MAQP #1995-20 removed an existing wash plant (EU032) and replaced it with an optical shorting wash plant (EU099) that has baghouse control, a new wash plant jaw crusher (EU097) and wash plant cone crusher (EU098). EU097, EU098, and EU099 are all NSPS Subpart OOO affected facilities that commenced construction after April 22, 2008 and EU098 and EU099 both have their own baghouse control while EU097 has no emission controls. The existing wash plant jaw crusher (EU067) was removed from normal operation and retained as backup equipment. MAQP #1995-20 also included the December 9, 2011, de minimis request for the addition of a new talc mill. The mill and feed bins included the installation of a fabric filter reclaim systems (FFRS).

In this action, the Responsible Official was updated to Josh Regan, the plant manager, and Brad Watkins, the EHS Manager, was named an Alternate Responsible Official. This renewal included updated facility-wide permit conditions, revised permit language, clarifying applicable 40 CFR 60 Subpart OOO regulations, inclusion of applicable 40 CFR 63, Subpart CCCCC regulations, revised formatting, remove references to #1 Jet Mill as part of EU037 (which has been removed from service and is no longer a process at the facility), and corrected rule references. Note that crushers EU097 and EU098 each have a design capacity of 110 tons per

hour and they jointly feed conveyor 07 which has a design capacity of 110 tons per hour. Therefore, no throughput monitoring is necessary to comply with the 110 tons per hour restriction from MAQP #1995-20. Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-09 replaced Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-08.

D. Current Permit Action

On June 28, 2024, DEQ received a request for the transfer of ownership from Barrett Mills, Inc. to Elevation NewCo, LLC. With the change in ownership, a new Responsible Official was also identified as John Gilligan. The permit history has been left under the previous ownership name of Barretts. Title V Operating Permit **#OP1995-10** replaces Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-09.

E. Taking and Damaging Analysis

HB 311, the Montana Private Property Assessment Act, requires analysis of every proposed state agency administrative rule, policy, permit condition or permit denial, pertaining to an environmental matter, to determine whether the state action constitutes a taking or damaging of private real property that requires compensation under the Montana or U.S. Constitution. As part of issuing an operating permit, DEQ is required to complete a Taking and Damaging Checklist. As required by 2-10-101 through 105, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), DEQ has conducted a private property taking and damaging assessment and has determined that there are no taking or damaging implications. The checklist was completed on October 20, 2010.

| 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? |
| | X | Takings or damaging implications? (Taking or damaging implications exist if YES is checked in response to question 1 and also to any one or more of the following questions: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7a, 7b, 7c; or if NO is checked in response to questions 5a or 5b; the shaded areas) |

F. Compliance Designation

A Full Compliance Evaluation (FCE) of Barretts (now Elevation) was completed on September 30, 2021, which encompassed a physical site inspection performed on September 23, 2021.

Based upon the information gathered at the time of the facility inspection, the observations made during the inspection, the review of the reports submitted by Barretts during the review period, and the compliance certifications submitted by Barretts during the review period, DEQ determined that aside from the late 2018, 2019, and 2020 Title V Semiannual Compliance Reports and Annual Certifications, Barretts complied with applicable requirements of their air quality permits. DEQ is reviewing the late Title V reports submitted by Barretts and will determine what further action is warranted.

SECTION II. SUMMARY OF EMISSION UNITS

A. Facility Process Description

Elevation operates a talc and chlorite production and processing facility located south of Dillon, Montana. Once the source receives the ore, the ore is crushed, washed, and stockpiled. The material is then transferred into the facility where it is milled to obtain different size distributions for different products. A portion of the product is coated to customer specifications. Approximately 80% of the product is bagged and the remaining is shipped in bulk. The mill ships approximately 65% of the product by truck and 35% by railcar.

B. Emission Units and Pollution Control Device Identification

| Emission Unit ID | Description | Pollution Control Device/Practice |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| EU 001 | Boiler | None |
| EU 002 | #1 Roller Mill | Baghouse |
| EU 003 | #2 Roller Mill | Baghouse |
| EU 004 | #3 Roller Mill | Baghouse |
| EU 005 | #1 Roller Mill-Nuisance | Baghouse |
| EU 006 | #2 Roller Mill-Nuisance | Baghouse |
| EU 007 | #1 ACM Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 008 | #5 Jet Mill Crude Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 009 | #2 Jet Mill Crude Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 010 | Beneficiation Crude Silos, Bucket Elevator, and Nuisance | Baghouse |
| EU 012 | Pellet Nuisance-East | Baghouse |
| EU 013 | Pellet Nuisance-West | Baghouse |
| EU 014 | #3 Jet Stream Classifier | Baghouse |
| EU 015 | #Talc Compaction System (TCS) | Baghouse |
| EU 016 | #4 Jet Stream Classifier Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 017 | Bulk Loadout – Spout #1 Bulk Loadout – Spout #2 Bulk Loadout – Spout #3 | Baghouse |
| EU 018 | #3 Roller Mill Crude Bins | Baghouse |
| EU 020 | Packout Packers, East and West | Baghouse |
| EU 022 | Pump Stations | Baghouse |
| EU 024 | Silo #1 | Baghouse |
| EU 025 | Silo #2 | Baghouse |
| EU 026 | Silo #3 | Baghouse |
| EU 027 | Silo #4 | Baghouse |
| EU 028 | Silo #5 | Baghouse |
| EU 029 | Silo #6 | Baghouse |
| EU 030 | Silo #7 | Baghouse |
| EU 031 | Silo #8 | Baghouse |
| EU 034 | #4 Jet Mill Crude Bins | Baghouse |
| EU 035 | #2 Jet Mill | Baghouse |
| EU 036 | #3 Jet Mill | Baghouse |
| EU 037 | #4 Jet Mill | Baghouse |

| Emission Unit ID | Description | Pollution Control Device/Practice |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| EU 039 | #3 and #4 Hammermills | Baghouse |
| EU 041 | Packout Reclaim | Baghouse |
| EU 042 | #1 and #2 Jet Stream Classifiers | Baghouse |
| EU 043 | #1 and #2 Hammermill | Baghouse |
| EU 044 | Centralized Reclaim | Baghouse |
| EU 045 | Dry Mill Input (Cone Crusher) | Baghouse |
| EU 047 | Calciner | None |
| EU 048 | Beneficiation Dryer | Baghouse |
| EU 050 | Jet Mill Reclaim System | Baghouse |
| EU 052 | Silo #9 | Baghouse |
| EU 053 | Silo #10 | Baghouse |
| EU 054 | #1 Air Classifier Mill (ACM) | Baghouse |
| EU 055 | East Coated Talc Feed Bin Silo #11 | Baghouse |
| EU 056 | West Coated Talc Feed Bin – Silo #12 | Baghouse |
| EU 057 | Semi-Bulk #7 | Baghouse |
| EU 058 | Coated Talc Semi-bulk Packer Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 059 | Pelletizer Dryer System | Baghouse |
| EU 060 | Pellet Loadout Conveyor | Baghouse |
| EU 061 | Pelletizer South Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 062 | Pelletizer North Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 063 | #1 Semi-bulk Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 064 | #2 Semi-bulk Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 065 | K-tron Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 066 | Coated Talc Recycle Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 067 | Wash Plant Jaw Crusher | Best Operating Practices |
| EU 068 | Bulk Crude Conveyor | Best Operating Practices |
| EU 069 | Ore Stockpile | Best Operating Practices |
| EU 070 | Rejects Stockpile | Best Operating Practices |
| EU 071 | Fines Stockpile | Best Operating Practices |
| EU 072 | Auxiliary Equipment | Water/Chemical dust suppressant |
| EU 073 | Haul and Access Roads | Water/Chemical dust suppressant |
| EU 074 | Disturbed Acres | Water/Chemical dust suppressant |
| EU 075 | Tailings Handling | Best Operating Practices |
| EU 076 | Conveyor Transfer Points | Best Operating Practices |
| EU 077 | West Coated Talc Product Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 078 | East Coated Talc Product Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 079 | #2 ACM Crude Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 080 | Beneficiation Product Silos | Baghouse |
| EU 082 | Roller Mill Rejects (Throw-outs) Silo | Baghouse |
| EU 083 | CPS Vacuum Packer | Baghouse |
| EU 084 | CPS Silo | Baghouse |
| EU 085 | Silo #15 | Baghouse |
| EU 086 | Centralized Vacuum System | Baghouse |
| EU 087 | Silo #16 | Baghouse |

| Emission Unit ID | Description | Pollution Control Device/Practice |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| EU 088 | #2 ACM | Baghouse |
| EU 089 | ACM Throw-outs | Baghouse |
| EU 090 | Sterilizer System Natural Gas Heater | None |
| EU 091 | Sterilizer System Feed Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 092 | #5 Jet Mill | Baghouse |
| EU 093 | Silo #17 | Baghouse |
| EU 094 | #3 ACM | Baghouse |
| EU 095 | #3 ACM Wet Crude Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 096 | #3 ACM Dry Crude Bin | Baghouse |
| EU 097 | Wash Plant Jaw Crusher #2 | None |
| EU 098 | Wash Plant Cone Crusher | Baghouse |
| EU 099 | Optical Sorting Wash Plant (Specifically, Wash Plant Dry Screen, Optical Sorter #1, Optical Sorter #2 within plant) | Baghouse |

C. Categorically Insignificant Sources/Activities

The miscellaneous emissions from Barretts include emissions from the Supersucker Collection System, Fire Control Equipment, HVAC Maintenance, Janitorial Activities, Maintenance, Natural Gas Unit/Domestic Water Heater, Office/Laboratory Activities, and Pollution Control Equipment Maintenance. These units are insignificant because they emit less than 5 tons per year of any regulated pollutant and are not subject to an applicable requirement other than a generally applicable requirement.

SECTION III. PERMIT CONDITIONS

A. Emission Limits and Standards

Elevation shall comply with the general applicable requirements as well as some specific requirements. Elevation shall comply with the 20% and 40% opacity limitations, which is dependent on the year of installation. Elevation is also required to comply with the sulfur in fuel limitation of 50 gr/100scf. The #5 Jet Mill Crude Bin shall be limited to 0.02 gr/dscf of particulate emissions. The #3 Jet Mill shall not exceed 9.3 lbs/hr of particulate emissions. Elevation also has several sources listed in the permit that are subject to the requirements of 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO and Subpart UUU, and 40 CFR 63, Subpart CCCCC, each with limits.

B. Monitoring Requirements

ARM 17.8.1212(1) requires that all monitoring and analysis procedures or test methods required under applicable requirements are contained in operating permits. In addition, when the applicable requirement does not require periodic testing or monitoring, periodic monitoring must be prescribed that is sufficient to yield reliable data from the relevant time period that is representative of the source's compliance with the permit.

The requirements for testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting, and compliance certification sufficient to assure compliance does not require the permit to impose the same level of rigor for all emission units. Furthermore, it does not require extensive testing or monitoring to assure compliance with the applicable requirements for emission units that do not have significant potential to violate emission limitations or other requirements under normal operating conditions. When compliance with the underlying applicable requirement for an insignificant emissions unit is not threatened by lack of regular monitoring and when periodic testing or monitoring is not otherwise required by the applicable requirement, the status quo (**i.e., no monitoring**) will meet the requirements of ARM 17.8.1212(1). Therefore, the permit does not include monitoring for insignificant emission units.

The permit includes periodic monitoring or recordkeeping for each applicable requirement. The information obtained from the monitoring and recordkeeping will be used by the permittee to periodically certify compliance with the emission limits and standards. However, DEQ may require testing to determine compliance with the emission limits and standards.

C. Test Methods and Procedures

The operating permit may not require testing for all sources if routine monitoring is used to determine compliance, but DEQ has the authority to require testing if deemed necessary to determine compliance with an emission limit or standard. In addition, the permittee may elect to voluntarily conduct compliance testing to confirm its compliance status.

D. Recordkeeping Requirements

The recordkeeping provisions shall be sufficient to meet the provisions of the monitoring requirements and shall include, as necessary, the installation, use and maintenance of the monitoring equipment or methods as well as the following information: the date the analyses were performed; the place and time of the sampling; the company or entity performing the sampling; the analytical techniques or methods used; the results of such analyses; and the operating conditions at the time of the analyses. Retention of the records of all required

monitoring data and support information shall be for a period of at least 5 years from the date of measurement. Support information includes: all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip-chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, and copies of all reports required by the operating permit. Elevation is required to keep all records listed in the operating permit as a permanent business record for at least 5 years following the date of the generation of the record.

E. Reporting Requirements

Reporting requirements are included in the permit for each emissions unit and Section V of the operating permit "General Conditions" explains the reporting requirements. However, the permittee is required to submit semiannual and annual monitoring reports to DEQ and to annually certify compliance with the applicable requirements contained in the permit. The reports must include a list of all emission limit and monitoring deviations, the reason for any deviation, and the corrective action taken as a result of any deviation.

F. Public Notice

A public notice does not occur for Administrative Amendments.

G. Draft Permit Comments

(Not available with an Administrative Amendment)

SECTION IV. NON-APPLICABLE REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

Pursuant to ARM 17.8.1221, Barretts (now Elevation) did not request a permit shield for all non-applicable regulatory requirements and regulatory orders identified in the tables in Section 8 of the permit application. Section IV of the operating permit discussing “Non-applicable Requirements” would have contained the requirements that Barretts identified as non-applicable and for which DEQ concurred. Requirements that Barretts identified as non-applicable but for which DEQ did not agree with the applicability determination would have been listed below.

| Applicable Requirement | Reason for Not Including |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| N/A | N/A |

SECTION V. FUTURE PERMIT CONSIDERATIONS

A. MACT Standards

DEQ has included applicable Subpart CCCCCC MACT in Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-09 for the first time. DEQ is not aware of any proposed or pending MACT standards, in addition to those already listed, that may be applicable. With the issuance of Operating Permit #OP1995-10 there are no new updates under Risk Management Planning.

B. NESHAP Standards

As of the draft issuance date of Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-09 DEQ is unaware of any future NESHAP Standards that may be promulgated that will affect this facility.

C. NSPS Standards

As of the draft issuance date of Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-09, DEQ is unaware of any future NSPS Standards that may be promulgated that will affect this facility. The facility is currently subject to 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO - Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants and 40 CFR 60, Subpart UUU - Calciners and Dryers in Mineral Industries. With the issuance of Operating Permit #OP1995-10 there are no new updates under Risk Management Planning.

D. Risk Management Plan

As of the draft issuance date of Title V Operating Permit #OP1995-09, this facility does not exceed the minimum threshold quantities for any regulated substance listed in 40 CFR 68.115 for any facility process. Consequently, this facility is not required to submit a Risk Management Plan.

If a facility has more than a threshold quantity of a regulated substance in a process, the facility must comply with 40 CFR 68 requirements no later than June 21, 1999; three years after the date on which a regulated substance is first listed under 40 CFR 68.130; or the date on which a regulated substance is first present in more than a threshold quantity in a process, whichever is later. With the issuance of Operating Permit #OP1995-10 there are no new updates under Risk Management Planning.

E. CAM Applicability

An emitting unit located at a Title V facility that meets the following criteria listed in ARM 17.8.1503 is subject to Subchapter 15 and must develop a CAM Plan for that unit:

- The emitting unit is subject to an emission limitation or standard for the applicable regulated air pollutant (other than emission limits or standards proposed after November 15, 1990, since these regulations contain specific monitoring requirements);
- The emitting unit uses a control device to achieve compliance with such limit; and
- The emitting unit has potential pre-control device emission of the applicable regulated air pollutants that are greater than major source thresholds.

Barretts (now Elevation) does not have an emitting unit that is subject to CAM.

F. PSD and Title V GHG Tailoring Rule

On May 7, 2010, EPA published the “light duty vehicle rule” (Docket # EPA-HQ-OAR- 2009-0472, 75 FR 25324) controlling greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from mobile sources, whereby GHG became a pollutant subject to regulation under the Federal and Montana Clean Air Act(s).

On June 3, 2010, EPA promulgated the GHG “Tailoring Rule” (Docket # EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0517, 75 FR 31514) which modified 40 CFR Parts 51, 52, 70, and 71 to specify which facilities are subject to GHG permitting requirements and when such facilities become subject to regulation for GHG under the PSD and Title V programs.

Under the Tailoring Rule, any PSD action (either a new major stationary source or a major modification at a major stationary source) taken for a pollutant or pollutants other than GHG that would become final on or after January 2, 2011 would be subject to PSD permitting requirements for GHG if the GHG increases associated with that action were at or above 75,000 TPY of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) and greater than 0 TPY on a mass basis. Similarly, if such action were taken, any resulting requirements would be subject to inclusion in the Title V Operating Permit. Facilities which hold Title V permits due to criteria pollutant emissions over 100 TPY would need to incorporate any GHG applicable requirements into their operating permits for any Title V action that would have a final decision occurring on or after January 2, 2011.

Starting on July 1, 2011, PSD permitting requirements would be triggered for modifications that were determined to be major under PSD based on GHG emissions alone, even if no other pollutant triggered a major modification. In addition, sources that are not considered PSD major sources based on criteria pollutant emissions would become subject to PSD review if their facility-wide potential emissions equaled or exceeded 100,000 TPY of CO₂e and 100 or 250 TPY of GHG on a mass basis depending on their listed status in ARM 17.8.801(22) and they undertook a permitting action with increases of 75,000 TPY or more of CO₂e and greater than 0 TPY of GHG on a mass basis. With respect to Title V, sources not currently holding a Title V permit that have potential facility-wide emissions equal to or exceeding 100,000 TPY of CO₂e and 100 TPY of GHG on a mass basis would be required to obtain a Title V Operating Permit.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), in its *Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA* decision on June 23, 2014, ruled that the Clean Air Act neither compels nor permits EPA to require a source to obtain a PSD or Title V permit on the sole basis of its potential emissions of GHG. SCOTUS also ruled that EPA lacked the authority to tailor the Clean Air Act’s unambiguous numerical thresholds of 100 or 250 TPY to accommodate a CO₂e threshold of 100,000 TPY. SCOTUS upheld that EPA reasonably interpreted the Clean Air Act to require sources that would need PSD permits based on their emission of conventional pollutants to comply with BACT for GHG. As such, the Tailoring Rule has been rendered invalid and sources cannot become subject to PSD or Title V regulations based on GHG emissions alone. Sources that must undergo PSD permitting due to pollutant emissions other than GHG may still be required to comply with BACT for GHG emissions.