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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

**MINOR MODIFICATION TO PERMIT No. CAS 000000002
ISSUED TO SEARLES VALLEY MINERALS OPERATIONS, INC.**

In accordance with 40 CFR 144.41 (d), it is understood and agreed that the name of the permit holder has been changed to Searles Valley Minerals Operations, Inc., also known as Searles Valley Minerals or "SVM". **Wherever the name "Kerr-McGee" or other previous owner/operator names appear herein, the permit is amended to "Searles Valley Minerals."**

To improve reporting, the following requirement is added:

PART II D. 3. Report on Well Inventory and Locations

The permittee shall submit with each quarterly report an updated well inventory, listing total numbers of wells that are plugged and abandoned, active, or inactive (temporarily abandoned), and shall provide a map showing the location of all wells with respect to the permitted "area of review" boundary.

All other permit conditions remain unchanged.

This minor modification becomes effective on the date of signature shown below.

Alexis Strauss
Alexis Strauss
Director, Water Division
Date 14 March 2006