

**Availability of Final General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit for  
Dry Abrasive Blasting Operations (BAQ-GPA/GP-19)**

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has finalized the General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit for Dry Abrasive Blasting Operations (BAQ-GPA/GP-19).

BAQ-GPA/GP-19 applies to the construction, operation and modification of both new and existing dry abrasive blasting operations. Prior to constructing and/or operating under this General Permit, the permittee must notify the Department using the General Permit Application provided by the Department and receive prior written approval from the Department. The owners and operators of existing permitted dry abrasive blasting operations may either continue to operate under an existing operating permit or they may elect to apply for authorization to use this General Permit. BAQ-GPA/GP-19 is now approved by the Department and available for use by qualifying applicants.

Notice requesting comments on the proposed General Permit was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on March 11, 2006, at 36 Pa.B. 1187. During the 45-day public comment period, EPA Region III submitted minor comments on the proposed General Permit. A Comment and Response Document has been prepared, which summarizes EPA's comments and the changes included in the final general permit. These documents can be obtained by contacting Jeanette Van Skike, Bureau of Air Quality, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P. O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468, (717) 787-4325. The documents have also been placed on the Department's website: [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) (DEP Keywords: "Air Permits").

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