

# Module 4: Areas Where Mining is Prohibited or Limited

[§§77.126 & 77.504]

4.1	Are mining activities proposed within any of the following?				
	Yes	No			
		$\boxtimes$	Within 100 feet of the outside line of right-of-way of a public highway. (If yes, complete Module 10.12)		
		$\boxtimes$	Within 300 feet of an occupied dwelling house or commercial or industrial building, unless released by the owner thereof. (Attach the notarized, written waiver by the current owner)		
		$\boxtimes$	Within 300 feet of a public building, school or community or institutional building.		
		$\boxtimes$	Within 300 feet of a public park.		
		$\boxtimes$	Within 100 feet of a cemetery.		
		$\boxtimes$	Within 100 feet of the bank of a perennial or intermittent stream.		
		$\boxtimes$	Within 125 feet of an oil or gas well.		
		<b>Note:</b> If the answer to any of the above is "yes", the applicant must demonstrate compliance with 25 Pa Code Section 77.504 (b) (relating to exceptions to the distance limitations).			
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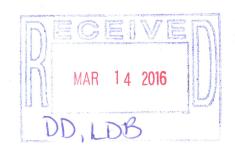
Provide a demonstration that special circumstances warrant activities within the distance limitation, that the environment and the interests of the public and landowners affected thereby will be adequately protected, and that there are no feasible or prudent alternatives to opening the pit within the distance limitation.

- 4.2 Is the proposed permit area within or adjacent to a stream or river designated as part of the Federal or State Wild and Scenic River System? ☐ Yes ☒ No [PA Scenic Rivers Act, § §132 P.S. 820.21-820-29]
- **Cultural or Historic Resources**. Attach the completed Cultural Resource Notice Form (0120-PM-PY0003) for this proposed permit area along with the certified mail return receipt as proof of submission to PA Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). [PA State History Code, 37 PA CSA Section 101-906]

See attached. A Project Review form was submitted and is attached for review.



March 8, 2016



Douglas Dinsmore, Ph.D.
The Gateway Engineers, Inc.
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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re:

File No. ER 2016-0818-001-A

MINE: Specialty Granules LLC, Charmian Northern Tract Project Development

Hamiltonban Twp., Adams Co.

Dear Mr. Dinsmore:

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The PA State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

#### **Archaeology**

Based on an evaluation by our staff, there is a high probability that significant archaeological sites are located in this project area. These resources could be adversely affected by project activities. Although there are no recorded archaeological sites within the project boundaries, the soil type, topographic setting, slope direction, and distance to water of the project area are similar to the settings of known archaeological sites in the vicinity. A Phase I archaeological survey of the project area to locate potentially significant archaeological resources is recommended but not required.

If this project will require any federal permits or will receive federal funding, the federal agency, under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, may require the appropriate surveys to be conducted. If the project will need an Army Corp of Engineers permit, this would be a **Category III** activity. We suggest that you consider conducting the survey early in the development or planning process to avoid delays in the future. Guidelines and instructions for conducting Phase I surveys are available on our website or from our office upon request.

The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) will keep the Determination Notice and the materials you submitted in its files. Please attach this letter to your copy of the Notice and then submit the entire package of materials to DEP.

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# **Historic Structures**

In our opinion no historic buildings, structures, districts, and or objects will be affected by this project.

If you need further information in this matter please consult Doug McLearen at (717) 772-0925.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief Division of Archaeology &

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February 19, 2016

Mr. Douglas C. McLearen State Historic Preservation Office Commonwealth Keystone Building, Second Floor 400 North Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0093

Re: Charmian Northern Tract Project

Development, Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McLearen:

On behalf of Specialty Granules LLC, Skelly and Loy, Inc. is pleased to provide one copy of the Project Review Form and its attachments for the referenced project. Please contact me at 610-823-4645 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

SKELLY and LOY, Inc.

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Douglas Dinsmore, Ph.D.

Cultural Resource Specialist

#### **Enclosures**

CC:

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Michael D. Ward, D'Appolonia Robert M. Shusko, D'Appolonia

Laura Berra, P.E. R15-0340.000

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Office Locations: Pittsburgh, PA Morgantown, WV State College, PA Hagerstown, MD Hunt Valley, MD



### **PROJECT REVIEW FORM**

# Request to Initiate SHPO Consultation on State and Federal Undertakings

SHPO USE ONLY					
DATE RECEIVED:					
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REV: 10/2014 **SECTION A: PROJECT NAME & LOCATION** ( YES Is this a new submittal? ON ( OR This is additional information for ER Number: Municipality Hamiltonban County Adams Project Name Charmian Northern Tract Mine Development PΑ City/State/ Zip Blue Ridge Summit 17214 Project Address 1455 Old Waynesboro Road, P.O. Box "O" SECTION B: CONTACT INFORMATION & MAILING ADDRESS Phone (717) 232-0593 Douglas Dinsmore, Ph.D. Name Company Fax Skelly and Loy, Inc. (717) 232-1799 449 Eisenhower Boulevard, Suite 300 street/PO Box Email ddinsmore@skellyloy.com Harrisburg 17111 PA City/State/Zip SECTION C: PROJECT DESCRIPTION This project is located on: Federal property State property Municipal property Private property (check all that apply) List all federal and **Agency Type** Agency/Program/Permit Name Project/Permit/Tracking Number (if applicable) state agencies and State & Federal PADEP/NPDES/Charmian Northern Tract programs providing funds, permits, licenses. Proposed Work - Attach project description, scope of work, site plans, and/or drawings Project includes (check all that apply): ✓ Construction Demolition Rehabilitation Disposition Total acres of project area: 112.0 Total acres of earth disturbance: 85.0 Yes No Are there any buildings or structures within the project area? Approximate age of buildings: Name of historic Does this project involve properties listed in or Unsure Yes No property or historic eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, or ◉ districts designated as historic by a local government? Attachments - Please include the following information with this form Please print and mail completed form and Map – 7.5' USGS quad showing project boundary and Area of Potential Effect all attachments to: **Description/Scope** – Describe the project, including any ground disturbance **PHMC** and previous land use **State Historic Preservation Office** Site Plans/Drawings – Indicate the location and age, if known, of all buildings 400 North St. in the project area Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Photographs - Attach prints or digital photographs showing the project site, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093 including images of all buildings and structures keyed to a site plan SHPO DETERMINATION (SHPO USE ONLY) There are NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES in the Area of Potential The project will have NO ADVERSE EFFECTS WITH CONDITIONS (see Effect attached) ☐ The project will have **NO EFFECT** on historic properties ☐ SHPO REQUESTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (see attached) ☐ The project will have **NO ADVERSE EFFECTS** on historic properties: SHPO REVIEWER:

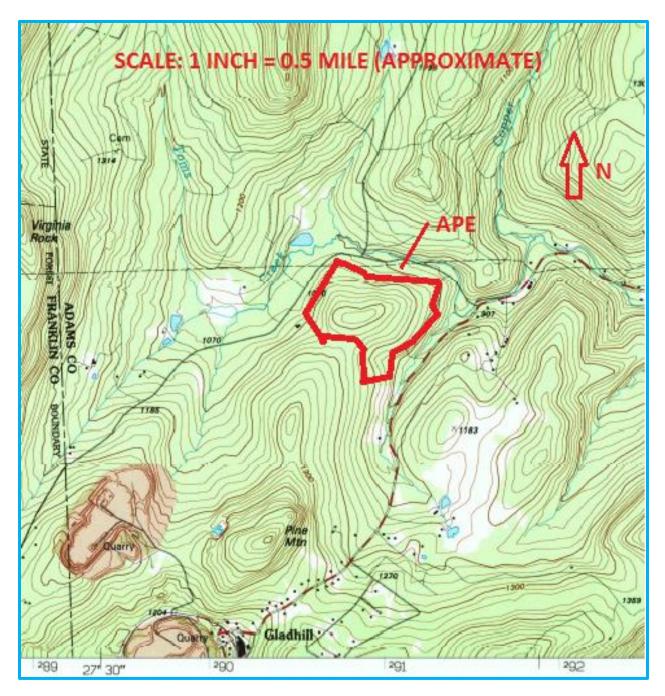


Figure 1: Annotated detail of 7.5-minute 1990 Iron Springs USGS quadrangle, showing the Area of Potential Effects (APE), which is the same as the limits of disturbance for the project. The coordinates at the top highest point of the APE are 39.766979, -77.440081.

Specialty Granules LLC (Specialty Granules) extracts non-coal materials through existing Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Surface Mine Permits at the Charmian Site, located north of the town of Blue Ridge Summit, in Hamiltonban Township, Adams County. The Charmian Site consists of an active quarry (Pitts Quarry - PADEP Permit No. 01930302), an inactive quarry (West Ridge Quarry, which is in the reclamation phase), stockpile storage areas, breaker plants, and a granule plant. Specialty Granules extracts metabasalt at the Charmian Site for the manufacture of asphalt roofing shingles. They are currently conducting environmental planning studies and engineering design evaluations to expand the existing, permitted metabasalt quarry operations at the Charmian site to the Northern Tract, an approximate 112-acre parcel contiguous to the Pitts Quarry.

The Northern Tract, centered at approximately 39.763323 North latitude and -77.441378 West longitude, is situated within a mountainous forested section of southwestern Adams County. The majority of the tract can be characterized as a moderate to steeply-sloped mountainous mature deciduous forest community. Exposed rocky outcropping is prevalent throughout sections of the tract. The northwestern portion of the tract is bisected by an existing natural gas right-of-way under the ownership of Columbia Gas Company. The subject tract is generally bound on the north by Gum Springs Road (Township Road – 300), and on the east by Iron Springs Road (State Route 3014).

The proposed Northern Tract Quarry includes an area of extraction, and an operational buffer. Although extraction will not occur within the buffer, it could potentially be used for stockpiles, haul roads, or other quarry functions. As a result, the operational buffer could experience earth-disturbing activities, and is included in the project limits of disturbance. The limits of disturbance are the project's Area of Potential Effects for archaeology, 85 acres (Figures 2 and 3).

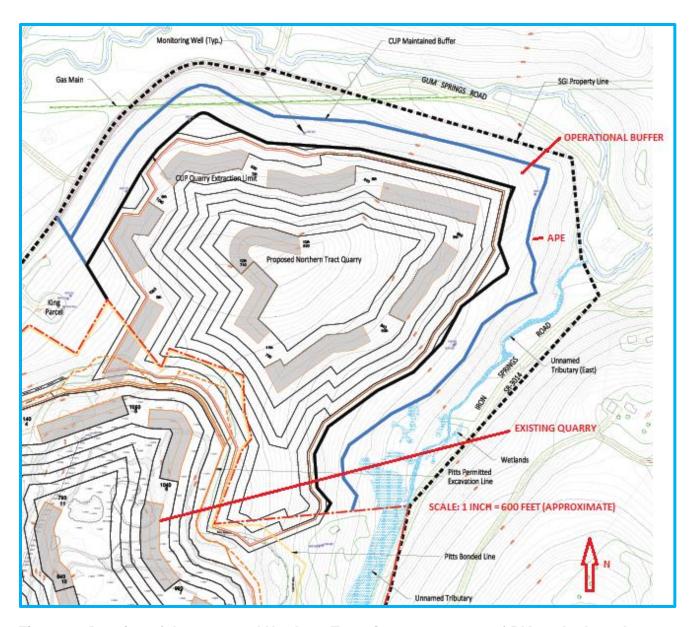


Figure 2: Drawing of the proposed Northern Tract Quarry, courtesy of D'Appolonia and Specialty Granules LLC.

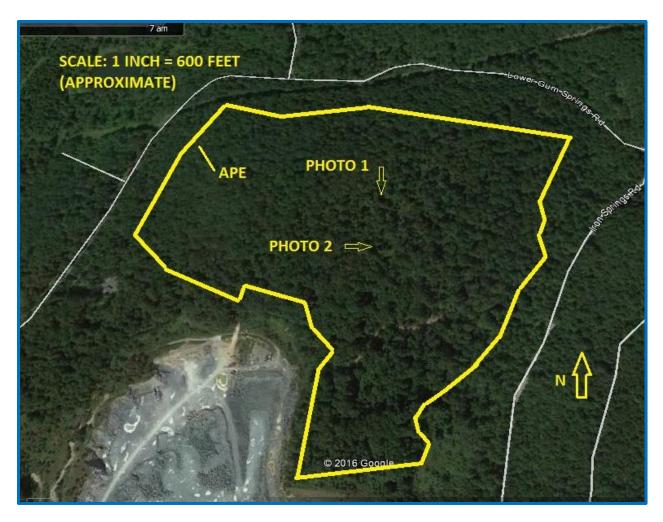


Figure 3: Photograph locations on a Google Earth aerial photograph, accessed 1-25-16.



Photograph 1: Rock outcrops near the top of the mountain, looking south.



Photograph 2: Boulders on top of the mountain, looking east.

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