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## Notice of Exemption

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### Project Description

**PROJECT TITLE:** Specialty Minerals Inc., Arctic Canyon Quarry  
**APN:** 0446-061-08  
**APPLICANT:** Specialty Minerals Inc.,  
**PROPOSAL:** Increase in height of the East Waste Dump by 200 feet from 4,910 feet above mean sea level (amsl) to 5,110 amsl.  
**PROJECT #:** MRAA-2024-00002  
**COMMUNITY:** Holcomb Valley  
**LOCATION:** 34° 21' 09.1" N, 116° 52' 48.1" W

### Applicant

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Area Code/Telephone Number

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];  
☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];  
☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];  
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Other Exemption: 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The increase in height of the East Waste Dump would not create a new or exacerbate a significant environmental impact during the mining operations. The increase in height to 5,110 amsl is no higher than the approved height of the West Waste Dump, nor would it be higher than the quarry highwalls. The project was environmentally reviewed by an EIR adopted February 08, 1996, with conditions to mitigate along with the adopted Mining Reclamation Plan.

  
Signature

Planner II  
Title

May 21, 2025  
Date

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant  
Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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