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Subject: Meeting Minutes for the July 28,2006 Conference Call with Members of the Georgia Mining Association (GMA) and China Clay Producers Association (CCPA)

I. Purpose

The EPA participated in a meeting with members of the Georgia Mining Association (GMA) and China Clay Producers Association (CCPA) to discuss EPA's review of the NSPS for Nonmetallic Minerals (Subpart 000) and NSPS for Mineral Dryers/Calciners (subpart UUU). The list of participants is provided below.

Craig Smith – Smith Aldridge, Inc.

Lee Lemke – Executive Director CCPA/GMA

Robert Gilbert - Imerys – Chairman, CCPA Environment and Safety Committee

Jay Hutto - Thiele - formerly with J.M. Huber

Dean Peace - Riker Materials

Ed Yapp – WKA Kaolin

Tom Lehman - Englehard

Randy Quintrell - Council for GMA and CCPA

John Lang - J. M. Huber

Lyn Etheridge - Englehard

Katie Hanks - RTI

Bill Neuffer - EPA

II. Discussion

The CCPA represents the 4 major companies producing kaolin in Georgia: Engelhard, Thiele, Imerys, and J. M. Huber. Mr. Lemke represents the GMA whose members have 600 mining operations owned by 42 companies. Seventeen different minerals are produced in Georgia.

The EPA's reasons for reviewing the two NSPS were discussed. The EPA is being sued by the Sierra Club to review Subpart OOO. EPA agreed to send an email with the plaintiffs and EPA's briefs. Both parties in the suit are working on preparing a Consent Order. For Subpart UUU, the NSPS has never been reviewed and it made sense to review this NSPS at the same time as Subpart OOO as many of the mineral industries are covered in both NSPS's. Also, EPA will review the applicability of UUU to industries/

processes that have presently been determined by another EPA Office to be covered by UUU; in specific – foundry sand reclamation dryers.

A short discussion of the history of these two NSPS ensued. The CCPA had been earlier sent an email that presented major dates and products for these standards (BID's; FR proposal and promulgation notices and Enabling Documents.) The CCPA was not familiar with the Enabling Documents. EPA agreed to send or email the web site to CCPA so they could obtain these documents.

A description of what information is required in reviewing an NSPS followed. This information includes list of plants subject to NSPS, permit limits, list of affected facilities, and emissions test data. Also, any changes in mineral processing technology are of interest. Selected pages of the BIDs that describe the processes, emissions and controls for the kaolin industry will be sent to CCPA for review and comment. The CCPA was agreeable to assist in data gathering but requested that a more specific list of informational areas be sent. EPA agreed.

CCPG asked if EPA/RTI would be interested in visiting a kaolin plant. EPA/RTI said that is definitely of interest. Due to Mr Lemke's connection with other mineral industries, another mineral industry may be visited at the same time as a kaolin plant is visited. October 16 -17, 2006 was tentatively scheduled as the dates for a meeting at GMA's Macon, Georgia office and the site visits.