

September 17, 2014

Dear Valued Customer,

Re: Color Change Notification of Certain Vale, Oregon- based DE filter aids, FW12 – FW20 Grades

EP Minerals, LLC is announcing a specification change to our FW12, FW14, FW18, and FW20 products produced at our Vale, Oregon facility. In order to maintain our high quality standards for filtration excellence and assure long-term supply capabilities, we are lowering the color specification of these products in order to maintain long term filtration performance characteristics.

Diatomite is a naturally-occurring mineral and has normal variations in characteristics throughout the deposit. Historically, the FW12, FW14, FW18, and FW20 grades have had a characteristic of moderate to high brightness. While color has never been a determining factor in filtration performance, it has been a typical characteristic of these grades. Certain ores in our deposit, while they produce excellent filtration properties, do not whiten during the production process. As a result, the products produced with these ores can have a pinkish hue to them. While we expect you to notice this slight change in coloration, we want to assure you that these products meet the same filtration performance characteristics you have come to expect from EP Minerals. The only difference will be the appearance of the product.

If you have any concerns or questions about this change, please feel free to contact Larry Galberd, Global Technical Services Director, larry.galberd@epminerals.com, or talk to your salesperson.

Thank you. We appreciate your business.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Mason
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