

In order to promote efficiencies in shipping and for our customers' carriers, EP Minerals has established this policy for customers that choose to arrange for their own transportation:

- **EP will no longer contact a customer-designated carrier to set up a pickup appointment. It is solely the responsibility of the customer and /or their carrier to contact the designated plant to establish a pickup appointment.**
- The customer is responsible for supplying equipment that will ensure product integrity during transit. In addition, customer-arranged freight carriers must have equipment to stabilize the rear of their container. Any damage to the product during transit will not be EP Minerals' responsibility. If requested in advance and practical under the circumstances, EP Minerals will provide the customer with the photos showing how the load looked before it left our site.
- Use of "reefer" equipment is not advised because of load weight restrictions and an inability to secure the back of the load. Customers who choose to send in "reefer" equipment for a pickup must accept the potential of reduced weight for the total load. Also, the carrier must supply some form of adequate load securement to properly secure the load and accept all responsibility for any damage that may occur in transit.
- Do not send in "step-deck" equipment, our production facilities cannot load them.
- The Customer or Customer's carrier **MUST** call the appropriate plant number below, a **MINIMUM** of 48 hours in advance of the pickup date to schedule an appointment. The pickup date is provided on the order confirmation. Failure to call at least 48 hours in advance for a pickup appointment may result in the order not shipping on the confirmed pickup date, or material being reassigned to another order/customer; however, it is not a guarantee space will still be available. Calling further ahead of time will ensure the original date given will be available.
- Driver/Carrier must reference a valid pickup number when calling for an appointment. The pickup number is located in the upper right corner of the order confirmation and will begin with the letter "C".
- If the pickup is at MULTIPLE sites, the customer must notify their Driver/Carrier and coordinate with the driver which EP Minerals' site to pick up from first.
- Failure to call 48 hours in advance and/or arriving 30 or more minutes late for your pickup appointment will result in your order being scheduled at the next available Date/Time slot.
- **Orders not picked up seven (7) days after the confirmed date will be returned to available inventory and may be used to fulfill other customer orders. The order will be cancelled at this time unless the EP Minerals Customer Service Team is notified, and a new confirmation date is determined. The order may be pushed out up to 14 days of the notification date, and the order must be picked up seven (7) days after the new confirmation date. Orders not picked up seven (7) days after the new confirmation date will be returned to inventory and the order will be cancelled permanently.**
- Orders **CANCELLED** within 7 days of confirmed date on your order, or requests to **HOLD** your product for a period longer than seven (7) days from the confirmed date, are subject to a **RE-STOCKING/HOLD** fee of no less than \$250.00 per order.
- Customer date change requests within five (5) days of the date on the order are subject to a fee of no less than \$100.00 per occurrence.
- Fernley Equipment Restrictions: Will only load 2 flatbed trucks per day. Appts will be scheduled around this limitation. Due to safety concerns No Curtain Vans, Step Decks, or Conestoga Vans.
- **All drivers are required to have their own PPE.**

Primary Pickup Hours (Note: Your appointment may vary from these hours.)

Plant	Location	Shipping Hours	Contact for Pickup scheduling
Middleton	220 Highway 125 South Middleton, Tennessee 38052	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM (must confirm before 3:00PM) Bulk truck 8:00-12:00 PM Flatbeds must arrive before 2:00 PM Monday - Friday	1-731-472-7133 middletonshipping@ussilica.com
Fernley	I-80 East, Exit 65, Frontage Road (4 miles east on the frontage road) Fernley, Nevada 89408	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for Flatbeds 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM for Vans Monday - Friday	1-800-264-9315 or 1-775-423-6668
Clark	640 Clark Station Rd. Sparks, Nevada 89437	7:00AM to 2:00PM Monday-Friday	1-775-824-7700 or 1-775-824-7702 clarkshipping@ussilica.com

If you would like more information regarding this policy, or have additional questions, please contact your sales representative or you can contact Customer Service at (775) 824-7600, option #3, or customerservice@epminerals.com.

In the event of any conflict between these policies and any purchase order and/or written supply agreement between us, these policies shall prevail. We anticipate these policies will improve not only customer/carrier efficiencies in scheduling/loading but will also provide a quicker turn-around of loading your customers' trucks. Please make sure your carriers have been made aware of these policies. Thank you.