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ADDITIONAL DIRECTION ON PREPARATION OF THE CORRECTIVE MEASURE
STUDY/FEASIBILITY STUDY AT PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E),
TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION, NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
(EPA ID NO. CAT080011729)

Dear Ms. Meeks,

As discussed during our December 3, 2008 meeting, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is providing additional direction regarding remedial alternatives that must be evaluated as part of the Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) currently under preparation by PG&E. In addition to Alternatives A through G presented at the meeting, the CMS/FS must include use of Interim Measures No. 3 as an alternative. In evaluating this alternative, PG&E may optimize placement of the extraction wells to best meet the remedial action goals set in the CMS/FS. Due to the short period of time DTSC understands that this additional alternative will not be presented in the "Discussion Draft" Groundwater CMS/FS due to agencies and Tribes on December 15, 2008. However, PG&E must provide a verbal discussion of the alternative to DTSC, similar in scope to the December 3 meeting, at the January 7, 2009 RCRA/CERCLA meeting so we can begin our own evaluation of the alternative in the Environmental Impact Report. In addition, the additional alternative must be presented in the Draft Groundwater CMS/FS that will go out for agency and stakeholder review on January 27, 2009.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (714) 484-5423 or Aaron Yue at (714) 484-5439.

Sincerely,



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