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CLARIFICATION OF 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 requested by PG&E the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is providing written clarification of our direction regarding the Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) PG&E is currently preparing. As discussed in a telephone call between Watson Gin and Bob Howard on October 10, 2008 for the Groundwater Pump and Treat option, or any other remedial option that requires operation of a groundwater treatment plant, PG&E must evaluate at least two locations for the proposed treatment plant. At least one of the locations must be the current Interim Measures #3 Treatment Plant location. DTSC is making this requirement due to the presence of sensitive cultural and biological resources in the area of the Topock Compressor Station. This will allow DTSC to conduct a full evaluation of any significant environmental effects on both cultural and biological resources (as well as any other resources) for remedial options that include groundwater treatment in the Environmental Impact Report.

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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