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Cathy Wolff-White
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
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Subject: Discontinuation of Interim Measure 2 Batch Treatment Operations, PG&E Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California

Dear Ms. Wolff-White:

This letter notifies the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has discontinued batch treatment operations at the Interim Measure 2 (IM-2) facility and has removed treatment chemicals and hazardous wastes as of September 2, 2005. The following activities were completed as required by Condition 2 of BLM's June 1 letter and in accordance with the draft MW-20 Bench Decommissioning Work Plan that was submitted to BLM on August 8, 2005.

- Batch treatment chemicals, including ferrous chloride, sodium hydroxide, and polymer were removed from the site.
- The phase separator containers and sludge were removed from the site.
- Field laboratory chemicals and test kits were removed from the site.
- Any motor oil, grease, or paint was removed from the equipment connex.
- Untreated groundwater and batch treated water was removed from the site.
- Tanks, clarifier, pumps and piping were flushed with potable water.
- Any potentially hazardous debris from IM operations (e.g. used PVC pipe) was also removed from the site.
- Batch treatment equipment was de-energized.

In addition, the outdoor dusk-to-dawn lighting around the tanks was wired to IM-3 power at Vault Vault No. 1 and the portable generators were removed from the MW-20 bench.

At the current time, PG&E anticipates that the IM-2 facility will primarily be used to store IM-3 brine during periods (e.g. weekends, holidays) in which the capacity of the three designated IM-3 brine storage tanks on the MW-20 bench are exceeded. It is PG&E's understanding that this use of the IM-2 facility is authorized by Action Memorandum for IM-3 issued on September 17, 2004.

PG&E appreciates the BLM support of the IM-2 activities. It is our understanding that BLM and DTSC are reviewing the draft MW-20 Bench Decommissioning Work Plan and will provide comments on the proposed decommissioning activities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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