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Ms. Yvonne Meeks
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Dear Ms. Meeks:

Subject: PG&E Topock Compressor Station Remediation Site – Draft RFI/RI Soil Investigation Work Plan Part B, PG&E Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California

The Department of the Interior, on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation (collectively referred to as “DOI”) proposes to set aside our previous comments submitted on the Draft RFI/RI Soil Investigation Work Plan Part B (dated December 14, 2007) and pursue a path forward consistent with the approach taken for the Soil Part A Phase II investigation. DOI and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) have discussed this approach and believe that this is the appropriate action to ensure the revised Part B Work Plan will provide the necessary information for assessment of the Compressor Station.

PG&E should utilize the Part A Data Quality Objective (DQO) Technical Memorandum (TM) Steps 1-5 in the development of the Part B DQO TM. We would expect that a technical meeting be held to discuss appropriate modifications to the problem statements, decision statements, and decision rules for this adaptation. Once the three parties have reached agreement on the objectives of the Part B study, PG&E shall provide a schedule for the DQO TM and revised Part B Work Plan.

If you have any question, please contact me at (303) 445-2502.

Ms. Yvonne Meeks

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela S. Innis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela S. Innis

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