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ACCEPTANCE OF THE CULTURAL RESOURCE CONSULTANT FOR
GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION AT PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
(PG&E), TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION, NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA (EPA ID NO.
CAT080011729)

Dear Mr. Caruso:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received the January 27, 2012 letter from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requesting consideration of Applied Earthworks, Inc. as the Qualified Cultural Resource Consultant for the PG&E groundwater remedy project. As specified in CUL-1a-3a of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) established by the January 31, 2011 conditional approval of the groundwater remedy, the qualifications for the resource consultant are:

The Qualified Cultural Resource Consultant shall be a person who is acceptable to DTSC and who is also a qualified archaeologist with a graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology or closely related field, plus at least 3 years of full-time professional experience in general North American archaeological research and fieldwork, with expertise/experience in the Southwest preferred.

Based on the description of the qualifications detailed in the PG&E letter for Applied Earthworks, Inc. and their prior studies conducted for this project, DTSC accepts PG&E's nomination to retain Applied Earthworks as the Qualified Cultural Resource Consultant for the groundwater remediation project. In order to ensure compliance with the MMRP, PG&E should provide the necessary training, project information and details of the MMRP to Applied Earthworks, Inc. prior to any field activities so that all applicable

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mitigation measures associated with their involvements would be considered and implemented in full.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (714) 484-5439.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Yue', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Aaron Yue
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