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Subject: Request for BLM authorization for a 180-day extension to continue groundwater pumping and batch treatment operations on the MW-20 Bench  
PG&E Topock, Needles, California

Dear Ms. Wolff-White:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby requests Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authorization to continue groundwater pumping and batch treatment operations on the MW-20 bench. The BLM authorized the time critical removal action under separate Action Memorandums to begin groundwater pumping operations (authorized March 3, 2004) and subsequent approval for batch treatment of the extracted groundwater (authorized May 21, 2004). The Action Memoranda authorized these activities for a period of 180 days (until November 17, 2004) at which time the BLM would consider the need for a n extension. BLM previously authorized a 180-day extension (until May 16, 2005) to maintain and operate the groundwater pumping and batch treatment facilities on the MW-20 bench.

As directed by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, PG&E is required to continue the time critical removal action until the Interim Measures 3 expanded groundwater extraction and treatment plant has been constructed and startup testing has been conducted (estimated to occur by June 2005). Maintaining the facilities on the MW-20 bench during the initial months of new treatment plant operation also provides additional flexibility in responding to short-term shutdowns or additional capacity needs that may be encountered during operations. PG&E therefore requests that BLM authorize a 180-day extension, until November 12, 2005, for operations at the MW-20 bench.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Teri Herson  
for Yvonne Meeks*

Cc: Norman Shopay