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Ms. Yvonne Meeks
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REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM EVALUATING POTENTIAL BEDROCK FRACTURE POROSITY AND PREFERENTIAL GROUNDWATER MIGRATION PATHWAYS, PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION, NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA (EPA ID NO. CAT080011729)

Dear Ms. Meeks:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is in the process of completing our review of the Draft RCRA Facility Assessment and Remedial Investigation Report (RFI Report) dated February 2005. DTSC anticipates that PG&E will be required to revise and resubmit this RFI Report. The detailed requirements of the RFI Report revisions and DTSC specific directions to PG&E regarding required responses to stakeholder comments will be provided shortly.

DTSC has determined that a separate technical memorandum is necessary that details PG&E's position that bedrock units beneath the site are not water-bearing or significant pathways for chromium migration. PG&E shall prepare a technical memorandum based on existing available data and a thorough literature review for the region. Information presented in this technical memorandum can be incorporated into the final RFI Report, after it is reviewed by DTSC and discussed by the Geo/Hydro Technical Workgroup. PG&E shall prepare and submit this technical memorandum no later than March 15, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Burger at (916) 255-6537.

Sincerely,

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cc: PG&E Topock Consultative Workgroup Members - Via e-mail