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Via Electronic Mail

September 23, 2015

Ms. Yvonne Meeks  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO OBTAIN ACCESS AGREEMENTS FOR WORK SPECIFIED IN THE SOIL RFI/RI WORK PLAN FOR THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E), TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION, NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA (EPA ID NO. CAT080011729)

Dear Ms. Meeks:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is in receipt of, and has considered, PG&E's September 22, 2015 extension request for obtaining access agreements from property owners or right of way holders. DTSC is in agreement that proper access agreements from Caltrans, the County, BNSF and ADOT would be necessary for the proposed soil investigation work; therefore, DTSC approves the extension as requested by PG&E.

As stated in the extension request, the 1996 Corrective Action Consent Agreement instructs PG&E to obtain all necessary access agreements within 30 days from approval of the work plan. DTSC notes that the Soil RFI/RI Work Plan was approved on August 24, 2015; however, PG&E expects that it will take up to four additional weeks for the various parties to provide the access agreements once PG&E submits the material needed by the parties for access. PG&E expects all materials to be submitted no later than September 25, 2015. Based on this expected time line, DTSC now expects all access agreements to be obtained by PG&E from the various parties by October 23, 2015. To monitor the progress of this extension, PG&E shall notify DTSC when the last access agreement is obtained within the extension period, or provide a written explanation by October 23, 2015 detailing the impediments in obtaining such

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agreement(s) along with any alternatives that may be implemented to complete the soil investigation if these agreements cannot be obtained in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (714) 484-5439 or by email at [aaron.yue@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:aaron.yue@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Yue', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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