



## Department of Toxic Substances Control



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RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 30, 2012 FMIT LETTER REGARDING SOIL WORK  
PLAN RTC, PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E), TOPOCK  
COMPRESSOR STATION, NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

Dear Ms. McDowell-Antone and Dr. Sullivan:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Department of the Interior is in receipt of your letter dated November 30, 2012, pertaining to the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's (FMIT) concerns over the Response to Comments (RTCs) for the draft "Soil RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation Work Plan, PG&E Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California" (Work Plan). Your letter was transmitted to DTSC and DOI by your consultant, Dr. Michael Sullivan, via electronic mail on November 30, 2012.

According to your letter, the FMIT believes that some of the FMIT's comments on the draft soil Work Plan have not yet been adequately addressed, and the intent of the letter is to document your position, and also provides language for insertion in the RTCs for the soil Work Plan explaining the FMIT's issues.

Comments identified in your November 30, 2012 letter are similar to the comments the FMIT previously provided in a July 23, 2012 letter. At that time, our understanding was

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that the comments presented in your July 23, 2012 letter would be used to indicate the FMIT's position on those specific items and the letter would be attached to the RTC's for the soil Work Plan. These items are documented in DTSC's letter dated October 29, 2012, which also states that DTSC already instructed PG&E to revise the RTCs to document the FMIT's position and to include your July 23, 2012 letter in the RTC's. Furthermore, all of the comments have also been previously responded to by DOI, DTSC and PG&E in the RTCs table and formal written correspondence from the agencies dated August 31, 2012. The response to comment format, land use, handling of displace soils and reducing site disturbances have all been covered in previous discussions in various Technical Working Group meetings and separate meetings between the FMIT and the regulatory agencies. We understand, however, that the FMIT may not agree with the resolution to some of these issues, and would like to further document your position on these matters.

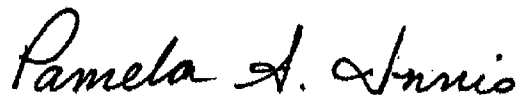
As agreed upon during the October 16, 2012 meeting (summarized in DTSC's letter dated October 29, 2012) between the regulatory agencies and the Tribal Nations, the FMIT's position on specific comments identified in your letter are documented in the soil Work Plan RTCs table and your letters dated July 23, 2012 and November 30, 2012, along with the respective response letters from the regulatory agencies, have been included as attachments to the RTCs for the soil Work Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5439. If you have questions for DOI, please contact Ms. Pamela Innis at (303) 445-2502.

Sincerely,



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