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Ms. Yvonne Meeks
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Dear Ms. Meeks:

Subject: PG&E Topock Compressor Station Remediation Site – *Revised Addendum to the Revised Work Plan for East Ravine Groundwater Investigation, PG&E Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California.*

The Department of the Interior, on behalf of itself and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation (collectively referred to as “DOI”) are in receipt of the *Revised Addendum to the Revised Work Plan for East Ravine Groundwater Investigation, PG&E Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California* dated December 31, 2010. DOI is in agreement with all revisions to the document and thereby approves the work plan for implementation.

BLM initiated Section 106 consultation with the nine Native American Tribes regarding this proposed action via certified letters dated 9/23/10 regarding this proposed activities specified in the work plan. The BLM determination of effect/ recommendation letter was sent out to the California State Historic Preservation Office on October 19, 2010. The California State Historic Preservation Office concurred with BLM’s determination on verbally on 11/29/2010 and in writing on January 21, 2011. The concurrence letter is attached for your reference. BLM has determined that one previously determined eligible property, Route 66, is within the area of potential effect (APE) and that portions of Route 66 would be affected by the proposed project. The project area also encompasses the Topock Traditional Cultural Property (TCP); therefore, adverse audio and visual effects to the Topock TCP must be avoided or mitigated to the maximum extent practicable. PG&E shall adhere to the conditions specified below in implementing the approved work plan.

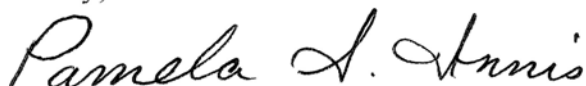
The conditions stipulated are as follows: (1) in areas where it is possible to do so, the historic fabric of Route 66 will remain intact and no drilling will occur upon the existing roadbed. However, two stretches of Route 66, designated as Sites I and K, have insufficient area for drilling activities to stay off the roadbed. In these two areas, PG&E shall ensure that well bore holes have caps placed upon them that are flush with the existing surface of the road. These caps should be covered with gravel thus making their presence virtually undetectable., and; (2) in an effort to keep the visual and audio effects to a minimum, well pad work crews will consist of no more than 5 to 7 workers, drilling rigs will be of limited height, and noise levels will be kept low.

Specific stipulations provided in the Programmatic Agreement that are applicable to the work plan shall also be adhered to by PG&E. These stipulations are as follows:

- New facilities or activities will be placed in areas already disturbed by previous grading and other mechanized activities to the extent practicable, consistent with protecting human health and the environment and achieving cleanup in a timely manner.
- The performance of all field activities in support of the remedy shall be executed in such a way as to avoid and/or minimize adverse effects to cultural and historic properties to the maximum extent practicable.
- Tribal and Archaeological Monitors shall be authorized to monitor all characterization, remediation and mitigation activities in accordance with Appendix C of the Programmatic Agreement.

If you have any question, please contact me at (303) 445-2502.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: January 21 letter from Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA [CA] State Historic Preservation Officer to Dr. Ramone B. McCoy BLM LHFO

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