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November 2, 2015

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REQUEST FOR SECOND 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 PG&E's request for a second extension to obtain access agreements from ADOT, Caltrans and for crossing of the BNSF right of way. DTSC understands that the delays in acquiring access agreements are currently not jeopardizing the soil investigation; therefore has no objections to the requested extension. However, DTSC believes there is value in early evaluation of contingencies. As stated in the September 23, 2015 extension approval letter, DTSC is requesting PG&E to provide us with an analysis of alternatives to accomplish the necessary investigation if access is denied by the property owner(s).

Part of that analysis should include the sample locations that would be impacted, the critical dates by which access must be received to maintain current project schedule and any alternative(s) that PG&E can take, in the unlikely event that such access is denied. DTSC is committed to assisting PG&E in obtaining the necessary agreements to complete the soil investigation activities. It is important for us to understand if options exist outside of the pending access agreements.

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DTSC requests that PG&E provide this analysis by November 22, 2015, the second extension due date, for any investigation areas that remain without access agreements. In addition, PG&E shall provide notification to DTSC within five working days of the status (approval, denial or request for more information) of these remaining access agreements when they are made known to PG&E. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Aaron Yue

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

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