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## ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

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Curt Russell  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Topock Site Manager  
P.O. Box 337, Needles, CA 92363

Subject: Topock Soil RFI/RI - Ambient Study of Dioxins and Furans at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California

Dear Mr. Russell


The United States Department of the Interior (DOI), on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation (collectively referred to as "DOI"), is approving the revised *Ambient Study of Dioxins and Furans at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California*, dated October 13, 2017. The ambient study was conducted in accordance with the *Revised Work Plan for Ambient/Background Study of Dioxins and Furans at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California*. Ambient threshold values were determined for dioxin and furan toxic equivalent (TEQ) values for human/mammal and bird receptors using the assumptions that non-detects in individual congeners were equal to zero, half, or the full detection limit. These TEQ values will be considered in cleanup evaluations, activities and decision-making associated with the Topock Compressor Station and surrounding properties.

Comments were received from the California Department of Toxics Substances Control, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, and the Hualapai Tribe. DOI considered all the comments in providing direction to PG&E on the revisions to the document. DOI appreciates the

collaboration between all the parties involved in the Topock Remediation Project which resulted in the completion this important document.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 417-9578.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela S. Innis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela S. Innis  
DOI Topock Remedial Project Manager

Cc: PG&E Topock Consultative Workgroup (CWG) Members