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April 24, 2006

Ms. Susan Crowley
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Subject: Perchlorate Remediation - Fourth Quarter 2005 Performance Report and Concurrence to Proceed with Installation of Athens Road Recovery Well ART-9

Facility: Tronox LLC
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NDEP Facility ID #H-000539
NPDES Permit # NV0023060

Dear Ms. Crowley,

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has received and reviewed the *Quarterly Performance Report, Perchlorate Recovery System, Tronox, LLC, Henderson, Nevada* prepared by ENSR International, Inc. (ENSR) and dated January 2006. The referenced report was received in the NDEP Las Vegas office on January 27, 2006. This report was submitted by Tronox LLC (Tronox) in accordance with an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) dated October 8, 2001 and summarizes the status of perchlorate remediation efforts through the fourth calendar quarter of 2005 (October through December 2005).

Information presented in the referenced quarterly performance report includes lithologic conditions encountered at the Athens Road Well Field in December 2005 during advancement of two exploratory soil borings (B-9 and B-10). Soil boring B-9 is located along the western portion of the well field between recovery well ART-4 and the centrally located Muddy Creek bedrock high. Soil boring B-10 is located along the eastern portion of the well field between recovery wells ART-6 and ART-7. The two soil borings were advanced to evaluate the need for additional recovery wells positioned to optimize capture of perchlorate-impacted groundwater and enhance effectiveness of the Athens Road Well Field.

The NDEP concurs with the recommendation by ENSR and Tronox to install and test one additional 8-inch diameter recovery well within the Athens Road Well Field between ART-6 and ART-7 to a total depth of approximately 45 feet below grade. NDEP further concurs that the results of aquifer testing should be used to guide decisions regarding the nature and extent of possible well field modifications. Depending upon the results obtained from proposed well ART-9, existing recovery well pumping rates may be adjusted to allow for optimized recovery of perchlorate-impacted groundwater within the eastern portion of the Athens Road Well Field.

Please make the necessary arrangements to permit and install proposed recovery well ART-9 and conduct necessary aquifer testing (pump tests) at your earliest convenience. Please keep the undersigned project officer apprised of the recovery well installation and testing schedule.

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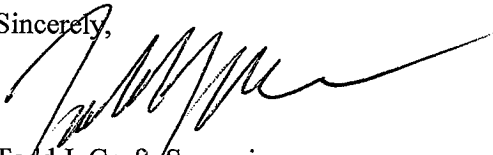


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Note: Water discharges, withdrawals, and reinjections, and air emissions will require different state and local government permits. Coordination should be initiated immediately to determine which permits and approvals are required; or may require revision as a consequence of changes to remediation design. This information is best obtained from each agency of government, including state and local fire, health, public works, sanitation, transportation, building/construction, NDEP, and Nevada Division of Water Resources. Your project officer may provide assistance in this regard.

Please contact the undersigned at (702) 486-2850 ext. 230 or tcroft@ndep.nv.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter

Sincerely,



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