

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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March 17, 2010

Matt Paque Tronox LLC 3301 NW 150th Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Re: Tronox LLC (TRX) NDEP Facility ID #H-000539

> Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Response to: Tronox Response to Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) 2-26-10 Comments Regarding: Tronox's Data Validation Summary Report, Phase B Investigation Area III Soil, Tronox LLC, Henderson, Nevada Dated February 18, 2010 Dated: March 10, 2010

Dear Mr. Paque,

The NDEP has received and reviewed TRX's above-identified response-to-comments letter and based on this review finds that the *Phase B Investigation Area III Soil Data Validation Summary Report* (DVSR) dated February 18, 2010 is acceptable with the following comment noted for the administrative record:

• NDEP would find it helpful for future reviews of DVSRs if TRX could incorporate the additional details that were included in the response-to-comments letter for increased readability and transparency. For example, TRX stated in the Area III DVSR that no data were qualified (item 2), which doesn't convey anything about the conditions of the samples. By including "... no hold time or preservation deficiencies were found in association with this DVSR data submittal" and then stating "None of the Area III soil and SPLP sample data were qualified due to hold time and preservation exceedances.", the DVSR will be clear as to what was reviewed, if there were any potential problems, and the potential impact on data quality (if any).

Please contact the undersigned with any questions at sharbour@ndep.nv.gov or (702) 486-2850 extension 240.

Sincerely,

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