

## STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jim Gibbons, Governor Allen Biaggi, Director

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December 3, 2010

Matt Paque Tronox LLC PO BOX 268859 Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Re: Tronox LLC (TRX)

NDEP Facility ID #H-000539

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Response to: TRX Letter RE: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's November 23, 2010 Response to: TRX Letter RE: Remediation Status of RZ-D (includes attachment: Las Vegas Paving Corp. Memorandum RE: Estimated Work Complete by 31 December 2010)

Dated: November 30, 2010

Dear Mr. Paque,

The NDEP has received the above-referenced letter and notes the following in response:

- 1. The schedule presented by TRX does not meet the December 31, 2010 deadline for demonstration of source control as required in the December 14, 2009 Finding of Alleged Violation (FOAV) and Order.
- 2. TRX states, "As NDEP is aware, Tronox has significantly ramped up efforts to meet this deadline." NDEP has also been notified by our contractors overseeing the excavation work that there has been on-Site equipment idle and work shifts have been eliminated.
- 3. Excavation plan submittals have been delayed and/or incomplete. Other important decision-making Deliverables, such as the Slope Stability Technical Memorandum, have been delayed in submittal and have required multiple revisions to be acceptable to the NDEP.
- 4. TRX has implemented set-backs in the field without contacting, discussing, or providing scientific rationale and back-up for the decision, which have resulted in excavation delays to approved plans.

TRX should note that in order to be compliant with the December 14, 2009 FOAV and Order, the December 31, 2010 deadline for demonstration of source control will need to be met. Please contact the undersigned with any questions at sharbour@ndep.nv.gov or 775-687-9332.





Sincerely,

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