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Matt Paque  
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Tronox, LLC  
P.O. Box 268859  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73134

**Re: Warning Letter – Failure to Submit Report Required for Illicit Discharge at Tronox  
NEV2001516**

Dear Mr. Paque,

This letter is to alert Tronox, LLC (Tronox) that it has failed to submit the required five day spill follow-up report to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) in the required amount of time. Pursuant to permit NEV2001516, section II.A.4.b. states “The Permittee shall notify the Division within twenty-four hours of any diversion, bypass, spill, upset, overflow or release of treated or untreated discharge other than that which is authorized by the permit. A written report shall be submitted to the Administrator within five days of diversion, bypass, spill, overflow, upset or discharge.” Tronox has failed to submit the written report within five days and is therefore in violation of permit NEV2001516. NDEP requires that Tronox submit a written report, which meets all the requirements set forth in permit NEV2001516, by January 10, 2011. Failure to comply may result in Tronox being subject to an Enforcement Action for failure to report in a timely manner. An Enforcement Action is associated with penalties of up to \$25,000 per day, per violation.

Please contact (775) 687-9502 with questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Erwin  
Compliance Officer  
Water Pollution Control

cc: Valerie King, Enforcement Supervisor, BWPC  
Diana Silsby, Compliance Coordinator, BWPC  
Shannon Harbour, P.E., Special Projects Branch, BCA