

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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May 12, 2011

Jay A. Steinberg Nevada Environmental Response Trust 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1550 Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Tronox LLC (TRX) Facility Nevada Environmental Response Trust (Trust) Property NDEP Facility ID #H-000539

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Response to: Draft Workplan for Evaluation of Discolored Soil and Confirmation Soil Sampling in Visually-Impacted Areas, Nevada Environmental Response Trust (Trust) Site, Henderson, Nevada Dated: April 18, 2011

Dear Mr. Steinberg,

The NDEP has received and reviewed the Trust's above-identified Deliverable and finds that the document is acceptable with the following comments noted for the Administrative Record:

- 1. General comment, please note that the Site Management Plan referenced in this Deliverable has not yet been approved by the NDEP.
- 2. Approach for Identifying and Removing Areas of Visually-Impacted Soils, page 2, 1st full paragraph, if soil above the BCLs are not removed, then the impacted soil left in place will have to be documented in an Excavation Control Area.
- 3. Selection of Confirmation Soil Sample Locations, page 2, samples should be collected within the observed visually-impacted soils if still present. If the observed extent of the visually-impacted soil, has been removed, then sampling should occur within the range that the visually-impacted soil was observed.
- 4. Methods for Soil Sample Collection and Analysis, page 3, last paragraph of section, please check the proposed quality assurance/quality control sampling for consistency with the Quality Assurance Project Plan (dated May 26, 2009) that was approved by NDEP on June 1, 2009.

Please note that even though the Deliverable is marked "Draft", NDEP is approving the work proposed in the Deliverable with the above-listed comments and considers the Deliverable an approved final document. Please contact the undersigned with any questions at sharbour@ndep.nv.gov or 775-687-9332.



Sincerely,

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