

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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February 21, 2013

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: Manganese Tailings Removal Technical Memorandum, Nevada Environmental Response Trust Site, Henderson, Nevada Dated: November 9, 2012

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. NDEP requests that errata be submitted to address the following comments:

- 1. Section 3.4 Removal Activities, NDEP provides the following comments based on the information provided in Appendix F Daily Records for Manganese Tailings Release Incidents:
 - a. 1st bullet, the incident should be attributed to an electrical short and not to driver error.
 - b. 2nd bullet, the incident date was 05/20/10 not 05/21/10 and the incident should be attributed to a belly gate pin failure and not to a sticking belly gate.
 - c. 3rd bullet, the incident should be attributed to the intentional release by driver and not to driver error.
- 2. Section 6.0 References, NDEP provides the following comments:
 - a. The DVSR reports referenced in Section 4.3 Confirmation Sampling Results should be listed in the References section.
 - b. The NDEP approval status of all documents submitted to NDEP should be noted (i.e. date of NDEP approval or comment letter).

Please contact the undersigned with any questions at wdong@ndep.nv.gov or 702-468-2850 x252.



Sincerely,

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