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Via Electronic and Regular Mail

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Re: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Request for  
Meeting, Tronox LLC NDEP Facility ID #H-000539

Dear Mr. Rakvica:

In response to your letter of December 3, 2009, I have consulted internally with the project managers and consultants for the Henderson, NV Environmental Conditions Assessment (ECA) project. It is my understanding that Tronox and its consultants are continuing to sample and characterize Areas II, IV and part of Area III of the site. Drilling and further sampling in the Area I shallow soils is ongoing. Tronox is working with Northgate on some preliminary remediation options, and, per request from Chartis, is getting quotes from area landfills for potential disposal of the soils from the site. Tronox is also in discussions with Basic Remediation Company (BRC) regarding making use of excess capacity in the BRC Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU). I understand that a call is scheduled with Tronox personnel, Chartis, and NDEP on December 17, 2009, to discuss additional data from the Areas II, IV and III sampling.

Until the sampling is completed and Tronox has obtained quotes on soil disposal as Chartis has requested, Tronox is unable and unwilling to agree to a specific remediation plan. Tronox is well aware of the terms of the Chartis insurance policy and has every intention to expedite the work in order to make the most use of this coverage. However, holding a meeting with company decision makers, Chartis decision makers, and NDEP is premature at this time. In addition, because of the demanding schedule for the Tronox auction and bidding process and other bankruptcy proceedings, I am unavailable for a meeting at this time. As you may know, Tronox is also working with a group of bondholders on a potential restructuring option for the company at the same time. I will be in New York until December 23 or after to work on these primary goals for the company. Other key officers and decision makers for the company are similarly occupied with the bankruptcy process.

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Tronox can be available the first week of February, 2010 for a meeting in Nevada. We have conferred with Chartis and confirmed that they are also available for a meeting at that time. Please provide us with potential dates in February at your convenience. In the interim, Tronox will continue to work with Chartis and Northgate to complete sampling and characterization of the site.

Sincerely,



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