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July 14, 2010

Mr. Greg Lovato
Nevada Department of Environmental Protection
Suite 4001
901 South Stewart St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Henderson, NV - Pipeline break during manganese tailings excavation

Dear Mr. Lovato,

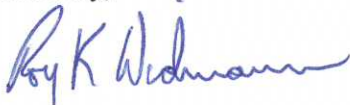
As discussed in a conference call last week, on July 6, 2010, while excavating tailings in the historic manganese tailings area at the Tronox Henderson facility, an old unused 24-inch vitrified clay pipe which had carried non-contact cooling water was broken and leaked approximately 5-10 gallons per minute of water onto the ground. The leak was stopped by inserting an inflatable sewer plug into the pipe. The line ran east-west from Timet onto the Tronox site and is located just south of the old cooling tower foundation.

It appears that the unused line was originally plugged by Timet, but that the plugging was incomplete. Timet will now re-plug the line.

Attached is the analysis of a sample collected from the leaking pipe.

If you have questions regarding this minor incident, please contact Keith Bailey (405-216-9213) or Mike Skromyda (702-651-2228). Susan Crowley is on vacation in an area of limited cell phone coverage.

Sincerely,



Roy K. Widmann
Manager, Hydrologic Services

Attachment

cc: Matt Paque - Tronox
Michael Skromyda - Tronox
Rick Stater - Tronox
Ms. Shannon Harbour - NDEP
Keith Bailey - Environmental Answers
Susan Crowley - Crowley Environmental
Deni Chambers - NGE
Derrick Willis - NGE
Craig Wilkinson - Timet

Tronox. Adding value beyond the product.

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LABORATORY REPORT

DATE: July 9, 2010

REPORT NUMBER: 10-2534

CLIENT: Tronox
 P.O. Box 55
 Henderson, NV 89009

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CLIENT PROJECT:

CLIENT PO #:

Sampled By: D. Lam
Date Sampled: 07/08/10
Time Sampled: 1430

Submitted by: M. Skromyda
Date Received: 07/08/10
Time Received: 1500

Report Attention: M. Skromyda

| Sample ID | Parameter | Result | Unit | Reporting Limit | Method | Date Analyzed | Analyst |
|------------|--------------|--------|---------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------|
| VCP Leak-1 | pH | 6.26 | -- | S.U. | SM4500H ⁺ B | 07/08/10 | DC |
| | Conductivity | 3340 | µmho/cm | -- | SM2510B | 07/09/10 | DC |
| | Arsenic | ND | mg/L | 0.05 | EPA6010B | 07/09/10 | JS |
| | Barium | 0.22 | mg/L | 0.01 | EPA6010B | 07/09/10 | JS |
| | Cadmium | ND | mg/L | 0.01 | EPA6010B | 07/09/10 | JS |
| | Chromium | 0.01 | mg/L | 0.01 | EPA6010B | 07/09/10 | JS |
| | Lead | ND | mg/L | 0.05 | EPA6010B | 07/09/10 | JS |
| | Mercury | 0.002 | mg/L | 0.001 | EPA7471A | 07/09/10 | JS |
| | Selenium | ND | mg/L | 0.05 | EPA6010B | 07/09/10 | JS |
| | Silver | ND | mg/L | 0.05 | EPA6010B | 07/09/10 | JS |

ND: non-detect
 EPA Flags: none

REVIEWED BY:


 Anthony Francis
 Laboratory Director

