



environmental management, inc.

December 23, 2010

Shannon Harbour, P.E.
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
901 South Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Subject: Request for Schedule Extension: Remediation Zone E Excavation
Tronox Facility, Henderson, Nevada

Dear Ms. Harbour:

On behalf of Tronox LLC, Northgate Environmental Management, Inc. requests an extension for completion of excavation in Remediation Zone E (RZ-E). In the course of remediation of RZ-E (former Beta Ditch), asbestos containing material (ACM) was encountered and potholing was conducted to evaluate the extent of the ACM.

The presence of ACM in the ditch necessitates a significant modification in procedures including using an asbestos removal contractor and appropriate safety and air monitoring procedures. These changes will result in significant additional cost for removal. Due to this changed condition, we have requested that the contractor provide a detailed cost estimate. Based on further review of costs, we may request competitive bids for this work. It is anticipated that the cost evaluation and contractor selection and award process, if required, will move the completion date of RZ-E to the end of February or early March, 2011.

Please let me know if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,
Northgate Environmental Management, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Deni Chambers'.

Deni Chambers, CEM
Principal-in-Charge

cc: Greg Lovato, NDEP