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Mr. Neil E. Thompson
US EPA Region X
1200 Sixth Avenue – ECL-113
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: October 2006 Monthly Report

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for October 2006, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Tronox site, in Soda Springs, Idaho.

October Activities

The closed facilities at the site were inspected in October. The covers on the calcine cap and landfill were inspected and are in good condition. The gates are closed and locked and the fences surrounding each facility are in good condition. The landfill sump was pumped to dryness on two occasions during October.

The 10-acre pond was inspected in October. The gates to the pond are closed and locked and the fence is in good condition. The 10-acre pond currently contains approximately 13 inches of water, measured at the south end of the pond. Tronox installed two rows of snow fence on the south, southeast and east side of the 10-acre pond to reduce the potential for snow drift into the pond during the winter months. Tronox is continuing to investigate methods to minimize the head in the pond and accelerate evaporation of the brine in anticipation of closing the 10-acre pond.

The 2006 Annual Comprehensive Report of Ground and Surface Water Quality for the Tronox Soda Springs, Idaho Facility was completed and transmitted to you at the end of October. This report summarized water quality results through May 2006. The second round of water sampling was also completed in October. Samples were shipped under chain of custody and received at the lab in good condition.

November/December Activities

During the months of November and December, Tronox will continue monitoring of the cap, landfill and the 10-acre pond. Evaporation pan data and precipitation collected for assessment of evaporation rates and salinity will continue to be evaluated as part of the

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10-acre pond closure effort. Tronox will measure the water level in the landfill sump when accessible during the winter months.

The October 2006 ground and surface water quality sampling results will be received in November or early December. The laboratory analytical results will be evaluated in conjunction with current data when these are received for validation.

No community relation activities are planned for this period.

Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,
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