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June 30, 2020

PPG Industries, Inc. Mr. Mark Terril Director, Environmental Affairs One PPG Place Pittsburgh, PA 16066 Via email

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Approval

Re: Consent Judgment Compliance Letter

Remedial Action Type: Unrestricted Use - Soil Scope of Remediation: Area of Concern for Chromate Chemical Production Waste (CCPW) and CCPW-Related Metals in Grid Columns 20A through 41A Excluding Grid P41A (AOC $HSS-1A)^1$ Hudson County Chromate (HCC) Site 114 – Garfield Avenue Site (specific to Halladay Street South) Portion of Halladay Street between Caven Point Avenue and Carteret Avenue Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ SRP PI# G000005480, RPC#900001

Dear Mr. Terril:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the site soil remediation documents submitted by PPG Industries, Inc. (PPG) pursuant to Paragraph 23.E of the September 7, 2011 Consent Judgment (as defined herein), including the Remedial Investigation Report - Soil (RIR) dated February 2012, the Supplemental Soil Remedial Investigation Report - Soil (SSRIR) dated August 2018, the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) dated September 2018, and the Remedial Action Report (RAR) dated October 2019, associated documents regarding remediation of chromate chemical production waste (CCPW) and CCPW-related metals in soil within a portion of Halladay Street between Caven Point Avenue and Carteret Avenue, information in the Department's case file, and the certified representations and information provided to the Department.

¹ This Consent Judgment Compliance Letter addresses all soil contamination governed by the 2009 Partial Consent Judgment and the 2011 Consent Judgment as defined herein at Halladay Street South except (i) Soil AOC HSS-1B (CCPW and CCPW-Impacted Soil in Grid Columns 42A through 47A and a portion of Grid P41A) and (ii) Soil AOC HSS-2A (Soil Impacted by Manufactured Gas Plant [MGP] - Constituents Emanating from HCC Site 114). A separate Consent Judgment compliance letter will be issued for AOC HSS-1B when appropriate. It is anticipated that a Response Action Outcome (RAO) will be issued by the LSRP employed by PSE&G for AOC HSS-2A. Once the RAO is issued, the Department would be able to issue a separate letter for soil AOC HSS-2A that references the RAO to document completion of the remedy.

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The Department concurs with PPG that all remedial actions are complete for Area of Concern (AOC) HSS-1A within a portion of Halladay Street between Caven Point Avenue and Carteret Avenue as depicted on the attached figure (Figure 1-2 of the RAR).

Based on the information provided, the Department concludes that the remediation of CCPW and CCPW-related metals in soil in AOC HSS-1A satisfies the requirements of the Consent Judgment in *New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, et al. v. Honeywell International Inc., et al.* Docket No C-77-05, Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division-Hudson County filed September 7, 2011 (2011 Consent Judgment), the Partial Consent Judgment Concerning the PPG Sites, filed June 26, 2009 and the July 19, 1990 Administrative Consent Order between the Department and PPG, the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation at N.J.A.C. 7:26E, and the Administrative Requirements for Remediation of Contaminated Sites at N.J.A.C. 7:26C. As a result, the Department has determined that the remediation of the CCPW and CCPW-related metals in soil in AOC HSS-1A is not subject to further review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10C-21 and 58:10C-25.

By operation of law, a Covenant Not to Sue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10B-13.2 applies to this remediation of CCPW and CCPW-related metals in soil in AOC HSS-1A as shown on the attached Figure 1-2 of the October 2019 RAR. The Covenant Not to Sue is subject to any conditions and limitations contained herein, and remains effective as long as the real property referenced above continues to meet those conditions. This includes the need to continue to comply with any permit PPG Industries, Inc. is required to obtain. Anticipated permits include, but are not limited to monitoring well installation permits for any new monitoring wells, and well decommissioning notice per N.J.A.C. 7:9D-3 for the eventual decommissioning of any site monitoring wells.

This letter is issued pursuant to Section 23G(b) of the 2011 Consent Judgment. It serves as the functional equivalent to a No Further Action ("NFA") letter issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. §58:10B-13.1 and N.J.A.C. §7:26C before those provisions were amended effective in 2012 to no longer authorize NFA letters. The Department recognizes this letter as serving the same function as previously served by an NFA letter, and satisfies the same legal obligations formerly met by an NFA letter, for sites regulated directly by the Department.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (609) 984-1351.

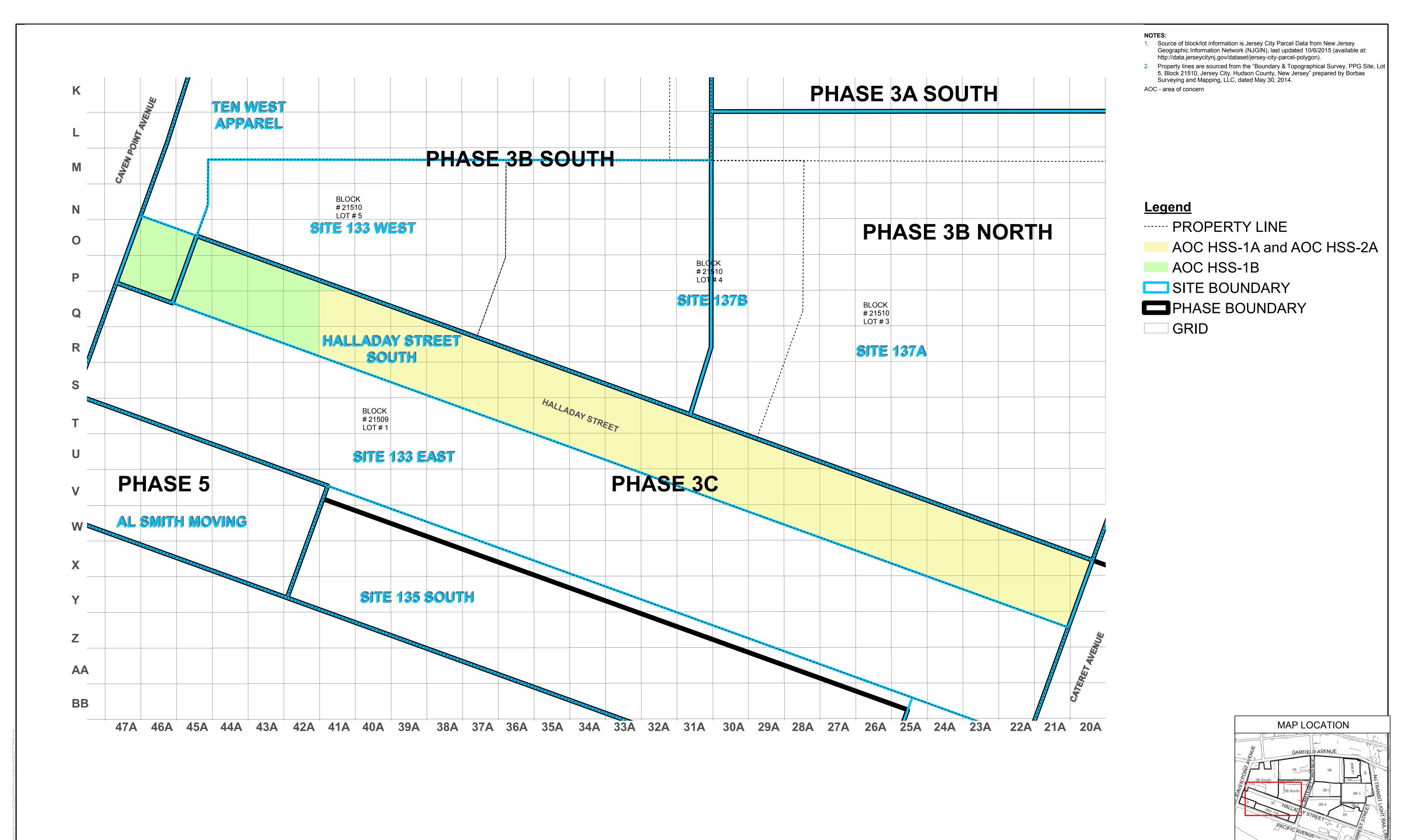
Sincerely,

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Wayne C. Howitz, Assistant Director Site Remediation NJDEP

cc: Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services Municipal Clerk, City of Jersey City Hudson Regional Health Commission David Doyle, NJDEP Case Manager Kirstin Pointin-Hahn, NJDEP BCAIN Ronald J. Riccio, Site Administrator James D. Ray, MDM&C LLP J. Nicholas Strasser, Law Department, City of Jersey City







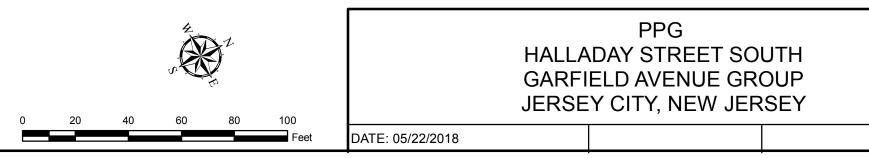


FIGURE 1-2

SITE PLAN