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PPG Industries, Inc. Mr. Mark Terril Director, Environmental Affairs One PPG Place Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Via email

**Approval** 

## Re: Consent Judgment Compliance Letter

Remedial Action Type: Restricted Use – Soil

Scope of Remediation: Area of Concern for Chromate Chemical Production Waste

(CCPW) and CCPW-Related Metals in Soil (AOC 135-1)

Hudson County Chromate (HCC) Site 135 - Vittaroz (aka Former Narula Property)

51-99 Pacific Avenue Block 21509 Lot 2 Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ SRP PI# 246332; Activity #RPC000001

Dear Mr. Terril:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the site soil remediation documents submitted by PPG Industries, Inc. pursuant to Paragraph 23.E of the 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 August 2019, associated documents regarding remediation of chromate chemical production waste (CCPW) and CCPW-related metals in soil at the referenced block and lot, information in the Department's case file, and the certified representations and information provided to the Department.

The Department concurs with PPG that all remedial actions are complete for Area of Concern (AOC) AOC 135-1 at the referenced block and lot within the limits of excavation 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 135-1 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 135-1 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 135-1 as shown on the attached Figure 1-2 of the August 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 a Remedial Action Permit for soil, 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 NFA letters, and satisfies the same legal obligations formerly met by NFA letters, 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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