

## State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FROTECTION

SITE REMEDIATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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SHAWN M. LATOURETTE Commissioner

June 30, 2022

PPG Industries, Inc. Ms. Jody Overmyer Senior Remediation Project Manager, 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 Building No. 2 Boiler Room Subslab Soil and Interior Concrete Surfaces (AOC 3) Hudson County Chromate (HCC) Site 156 – Metropolis Towers Building No. 2 Boiler Room 270-280 Luis Munoz Marin Boulevard Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ SRP PI# G000008770, Activity# RPC040001

Dear Ms. Overmyer:

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* (RIR)/*Remedial Action Work Plan* (RAWP)/*Remedial Action Report* (RAR) dated September 2020, associated documents regarding remediation of chromate chemical production waste (CCPW) and CCPW-related metals in Building No. 2 Boiler Room Subslab Soil and Interior Concrete Surfaces, 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) 3 in the Building No. 2 Boiler Room, identified as the "Boiler Room Basement" on the attached figure (Exhibit A-3 in Appendix J1 of the RAR).

Based on the information provided, the Department concludes that the remediation of CCPW and CCPW-related metals in soil and concrete surfaces in AOC 3 satisfies the requirements of the Consent Judgment in *New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, et al. v. Honeywell* 

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor *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 and concrete surfaces in AOC 3 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 and concrete surfaces in AOC 3 as shown on the attached Exhibit A-3 in Appendix J1 of the September 2020 RIR/RAWP/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 soil Remedial Action Permit associated with the Deed Notice 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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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 Ian Curtis, NJDEP Case Manager Kirstin Pointin-Hahn, NJDEP BCAIN Ronald J. Riccio, Site Administrator James D. Ray, MDM&C LLP Peter Baker, Law Department, City of Jersey City

