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October 11, 2019

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

## **Approval**

## Re: Consent Judgment Compliance Letter

Remedial Action Type: Unrestricted Use

Scope of Remediation: Area of Concern for Chromate Chemical Processing Waste (CCPW)

and CCPW-Related Metals Only in Soil (AOC ASM-1);

Al Smith Moving & Furniture Company, Inc.

33 Pacific Avenue
Block 21509 Lot 3
Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ
SRP PI# 775998

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 (*Remedial Investigation Report – Soil* [RIR] dated February 2012, *Supplemental Soil Remedial Investigation Report – Soil* [SSRIR] dated August 2018, *Remedial Action Work Plan* [RAWP] dated September 2018, and *Remedial Action Report* [RAR] dated April 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) ASM-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 the CCPW and CCPW-related metals in soil in AOC ASM-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) ("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. 7L26C. As a result, the Department has determined that the remediation of the CCPW and CCPW-related metals in soil in AOC ASM-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 ASM-1 as shown on the attached Figure 1-2 of the April 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 serves as the functional equivalent to No Further Action ("NFA") letters 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,

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

