

State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SITE REMEDIATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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SHAWN M. LATOURETTE Commissioner

June 23, 2022

PPG Industries, Inc. Ms. Jody Overmyer Senior Remediation Project Manager, Environmental Affairs One PPG Place Pittsburgh, PA 15222 *Via email* Approval

 Re: <u>Consent Judgment Compliance Letter</u> Remedial Action Type: Restricted Use – Soil Scope of Remediation: Areas of Concern for Chromate Chemical Production Waste (CCPW) and CCPW-Related Metals in Forrest Street Soil (AOC FS-1A, AOC FS-1B and AOC FS-1C)¹ Forrest Street Site, PPG Garfield Avenue Group Hudson County Chromate Sites Portion of Forrest Street west of Halliday Street Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ SRP PI# 775706, Activity Number RAP210001

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 – 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, the *Forrest Street and Forrest Street Properties Remedial Action Work Plan* (RAWP Revision 1) dated November 2019, and the *Remedial Action Report* (RAR) dated September 2019, associated documents regarding remediation of chromate chemical production waste (CCPW) and CCPW-related metals

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor

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 Forrest Street except soil AOC FS-2A, AOC FS-2B and AOC FS-2C (Soil Impacted by Manufactured Gas Plant [MGP] –Constituents Emanating from HCC Site 114). A separate Consent Judgment compliance letter will be issued for soil AOC FS-2A, AOC FS-2B and AOC FS-2C when appropriate. It is anticipated that a Response Action Outcome (RAO) will be issued by the LSRP employed by PSE&G for soil AOC FS-2A, AOC FS-2B and AOC FS-2C. Once the RAO is issued, the Department would be able to issue a separate letter for soil AOC FS-2A, AOC FS-2B and AOC FS-2C that references the RAO to document completion of the remedy.

in soil within the portion of Forrest Street west of Halliday Street, 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 soil Area of Concern (AOC) FS-1A, AOC FS-1B and AOC FS-1C within the portion of Forrest Street west of Halliday Street 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 FS-1A, AOC FS-1B and AOC FS-1C 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 FS-1A, AOC FS-1B and AOC FS-1C 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 FS-1A, AOC FS-1B and AOC FS-1C as shown on the attached Figure 1-2 of the September 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 soil Remedial Action Permit associated with the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice, 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.

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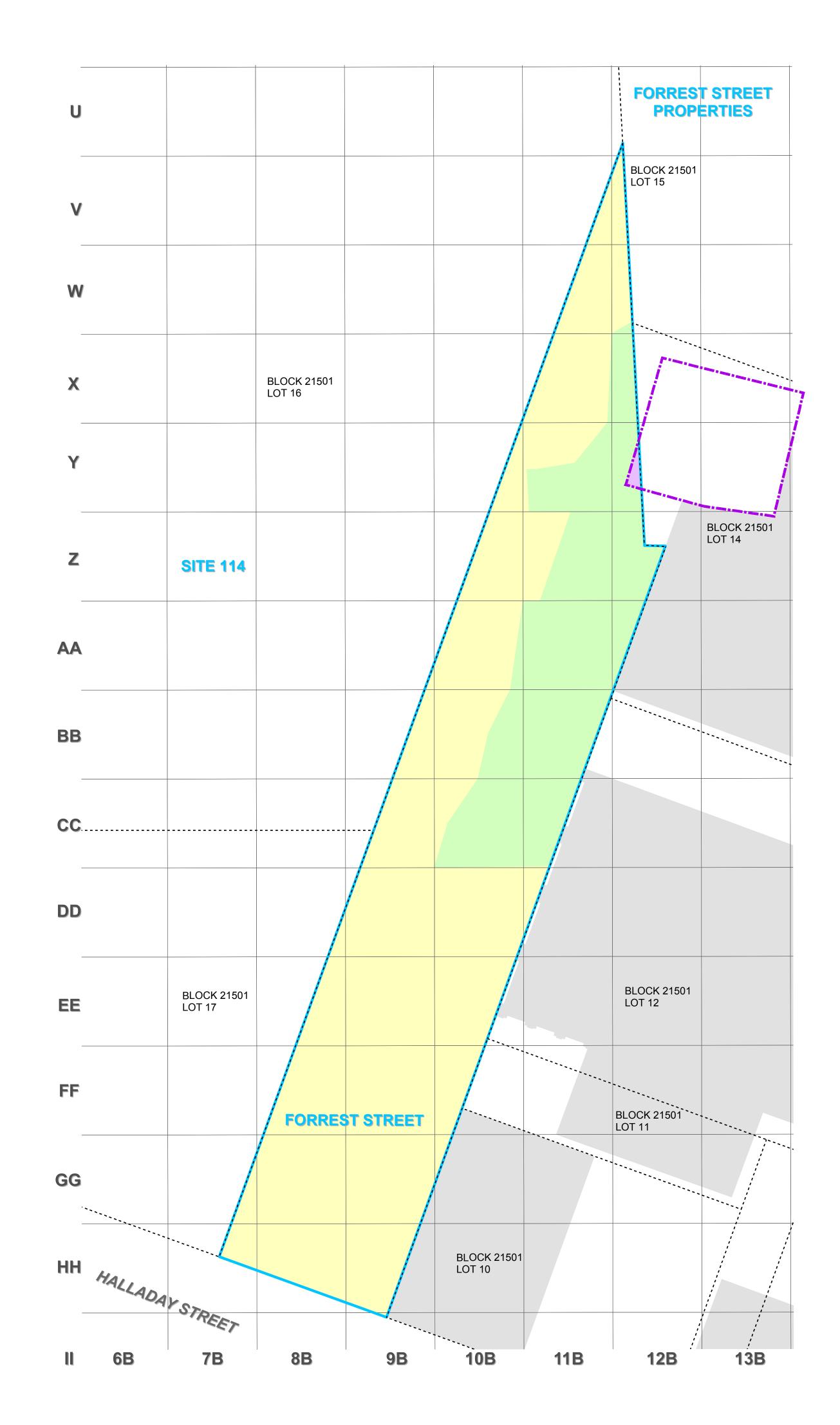
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (609) 984-1351.

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



LEGEND SITE BOUNDARY GRID LAYOUT BUILDING PROPERTY LINE 100 FORREST STREET LOADING DOCK DRIVEWAY AOC FS-1A and AOC FS-2A (FORREST STREET EXCAVATION AREA) AOC FS-1B and AOC FS-2B (FORREST STREET UTILITY OFFSET) AOC FS-1C and AOC FS-2C (SOUTHERN PORTION OF 100 FORREST STREET LOADING DOCK DRIVEWAY)

ABBREVIATIONS:

AOC - area of concern

GENERAL NOTES:

- G1. Source of block/lot information is Jersey City Parcel Data from New Jersey Geographic Information Network (NJGIN), last updated 10/6/2015 (available at: http://data.jerseycitynj.gov/dataset/jersey-city-parcel-polygon).
- G2. Property lines and pre-construction topographical contours are sourced from the "Boundary and Topographic Survey, PPG Industries Site 114, Lots 11, 12, 14 and 15, Block 21501, City of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey" prepared by Borbas Surveying and Mapping, LLC, dated January 8, 2019.

