

State of New Jersey

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor

Department of Environmental Protection SITE REMEDIATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Division of Remediation Management Remediation Oversight Element Mail Code 401-05A P.O. Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625 Tel: 609-984-1351

Fax: 609-984-6514

CATHERINE R. McCABE Commissioner

June 1, 2020

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

Approval

Re: Consent Judgment Compliance Letter

Remedial Action Type: **Restricted Use – Soil**

Scope of Remediation: The Following Areas of Concern¹:

- Chromate Chemical Production Waste (CCPW) and CCPW--Related Metals in Soil at Site 114 Excluding AOC 114-1B (AOC 114-1A);
- Historic Fill Material in Soil (AOC 114-3):
- Underground Storage Tank (UST) -Impacted Soil in Grids B1B and E3B/E4B (AOC 114-
- UST-Impacted Soil in Grids G1A and B10A (AOC 114-4B); and
- Soil Impacted by Other Historic Operations and Land Use (AOC 114-5)

Hudson County Chromate (HCC) Site 114 – Garfield Avenue Site (aka PPG Main Plant) 880, 884, & 900 Garfield Avenue / 70 Carteret Avenue / 2 Dakota Street Block 21501 Lots 16, 17, 18.01, 18.02, 19.01, 19.02, 20.01, and a Portion of 20.02² Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ

SRP PI# G000005480; Activity #RPC000051

Notice of Intent: TMS # N11-7757, Activity # UCL110001 Notice of Intent: TMS # N13-8760, Activity # UCL130001

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

¹ This JCO Compliance Letter addresses all soil contamination at Site 114 except (i) Soil AOC 114-1B (CCPW-impacted soils in portions of Grids A5B, A6B, A7B, and B7B within the Western Sliver) and (ii) Soil AOC 114-2 (manufactured gas plant (MGP) -impacted soil associated with the former MGP in the eastern portion of Site 114). The Western Sliver will become part of the Garfield Avenue Roadway. A separate Consent Judgment compliance letter will be issued for the Garfield Avenue Roadway when appropriate. It is anticipated that a Response Action Outcome (RAO) will be issued by the LSRP employed by PSE&G for AOC 114-2. Once the RAO is issued, the Department would be able to issue a separate letter for soil AOC 114-2 that references the RAO to document completion of the remedy.

² See attached R.O.W. Dedication Plat, Drawing V-111 for survey limits of Blocks/Lots covered under this Consent Judgment Compliance Letter.

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, constituents related to underground storage tanks (USTs) in specific grid locations, other constituents related to historic site operations and land use at the referenced block and lots, and historic fill, information in the Department's case file, and the certified representations and information provided to the Department. The substantive elements of a Preliminary Assessment (PA) and Remedial Investigation (RI) were incorporated into the RIR because the site was designated as a chromate site by the Department.

The Department concurs with PPG that all remedial actions are complete for soil at Site 114 except Areas of Concern (AOCs) 114-1B and 114-2 at the referenced block and lots within the limits of excavation as depicted on the attached figure (Figure 1-2 of the RAR). Further, the Department finds that the PPG soil remedy is protective of human health and the environment.

More specifically, based on the information provided, the Department concludes that the remediation of CCPW and CCPW-related metals in soil in AOC 114-1A, historic fill material in soil in AOC 114-3, underground storage tank (UST) –related impacts in soil in AOCs 114-4A and 114-4B, and soil impacted by other historic operations and land uses in AOC 114-5 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 114-1A, historic fill material in soil in AOC 114-3, UST-related impacts in soil in AOCs 114-4A and 114-4B, and soil impacted by other historic operations and land use in AOC 114-5 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 114-1A, historic fill material in soil in AOC 114-3, UST-related impacts in soil in AOCs 114-4A and 114-4B, and soil impacted by other historic operations and land use in AOC 114-5 as shown on the attached Figure 1-2 of the 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, Remedial Action Permits for soil and groundwater, monitoring well installation permits for any new monitoring wells, and well decommissioning notices 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,

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





