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PEER REVIEW OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S CHROMIUM BACKGROUND STUDY REPORT, HINKLEY COMPRESSOR STATION

Thank you for agreeing to provide professional peer review of PG&E's 2007 Chromium Background Study Report. The purpose of this letter is to initiate the peer review.

Included with this letter are the following documents:

- **The May 19, 2011 memo to Dr. Bowes requesting external peer reviewers, with five attachments.**
  Attachment 2 to the request memo provides focus for the review. Please address all topics, as expertise allows, in the order listed.

- **Paper copies of all documents listed in attachment 5 of the request memo and a CD containing Adobe Acrobat searchable PDF versions of all documents listed in attachment 5.**
  This package has been mailed to you at the address above. Additionally, I have emailed you electronic copies of this letter and the document to be reviewed, in the event you are away from your mailing address during the summer break. Your charge is to provide scientific review of the 2007 Chromium Background Study; the additional materials are provided for your reference only, and do not require review.

- **The January 7, 2009 Supplement to the Cal EPA peer review Guidelines.**
  In part, this provides guidance to ensure confidentiality through the peer review process, and it addresses possible requests for discussion by outside parties after the review has been submitted.

In order to maintain confidentially throughout the review process, I am requesting that reviewers synchronize their review submittals. **Please submit your review on**

Stuart Nagourney

October 7, 2011 via email to me at Lkemper@waterboards.ca.gov. If you have difficulty in meeting this schedule, please let me know as soon as possible.

Your primary contacts for this review are Anne Holden and Lisa Dernbach of my staff. Anne Holden may be reached at 530-542-5450, or via email at aholden@waterboards.ca.gov. Lisa Dernbach may be reached at 530-542-5424 or ldernbach@waterboards.ca.gov.

Your acceptance of this review assignment is most appreciated.

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