

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5**

**In the Matter of:**

**Wisconsin Plating Works of Racine, Inc.  
Racine, Wisconsin**

**Respondent.**

**Docket No. CAA-05-2008-0037**

**Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty  
Under Section 113(d) of the Clean Air  
Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)**

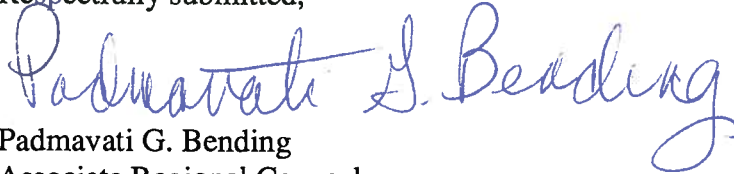
**DEC 11 2008**

**REGIONAL HEARING CLERK  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY**

**FIRST STATUS REPORT**

Padmavati Bending, Counsel for Complainant, Director of the Air and Radiation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Chicago, Illinois, files this status report as required by this Court's Prehearing Order of December 4, 2008. Complainant and Respondent met on November 17, 2008 to discuss settlement of this matter. The parties are unable to reach a settlement in this matter at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



Padmavati G. Bending  
Associate Regional Counsel  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (C-14J)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590  
Tel. No. (312) 353-8917  
Fax No. (312) 886-0747

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that today I filed personally with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region 5, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (E-13J), Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590, the original document entitled First Status Report for this civil administrative action, and that I issued to the Court and Respondent's Counsel by first class mail a copy of the original document:

The Honorable Susan L. Biro  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Mail Code 1900L  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Christopher T. Nowatarski  
Stone, Pogrud and Korey, LLC  
1 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2610  
Chicago, IL 60601

RECEIVED  
DEC 11 2008

REGIONAL HEARING CLERK  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY

Mildred Vargas  
Mildred Vargas  
Secretary

Dec. 11, 2008  
Date