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**Via Electronic Mail and Mail**

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**Re: Stepan Company Motion for Extension of Time**

Dear Ms. Coyle:

Please find enclosed the original and a copy of the Respondent's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer filed on behalf of Respondent, Stepan Company.

Sincerely,

  
Michael T. Novak

Enclosures

cc: LaDawn Whitehead  
Nidhi O'Meara

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5**

**In the Matter of:**

**Stepan Company  
Northfield, Illinois**

**Respondents**



**Docket No. FIFRA-05-2013-0017**

**Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty  
Under Section 14(a) of the Federal  
Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide  
Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)**

**RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
ANSWER**

Respondent, Stepan Company ("Stepan"), by and through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to Rule 22.7(b) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice (40 C.F.R. § 22.7(b)), respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time to file its Answer to the Complaint, and as good cause therefore states as follows:

1. The Complaint in this matter was received by Stepan on July 25, 2013, thus making the Answer due on or before August 26, 2013;
2. Stepan requests the extension as the parties have agreed upon settlement and need time to finalize a consent agreement and final order (CAFO);
3. With the requested extension, Stepan's Answer would be due on or before October 10, 2013; and
4. On August 22, 2013, prior to filing this Motion, counsel for Stepan contacted counsel for Complainant as to the relief requested and Complainant indicated that it does not oppose this request for an extension of time.

Accordingly, no prejudice to other parties will result from granting this Motion. This Motion is timely filed, as it is sufficiently in advance of the Answer due date.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing Respondent's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer, dated August 23, 2013, was sent this day via Federal Express, overnight delivery, to the addresses listed below:

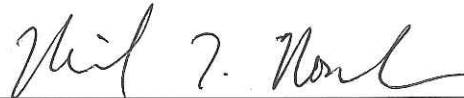
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