

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2**

In the Matter of :

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Caribbean Healthcare System
Respondent

Proceeding under Section 9006
Of the Solid Waste Disposal Act,
as amended

Docket No. RCRA-02-2008-7503

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Request for Extension of Time to Answer Complaint and to Request Hearing

TO:

Ms. Karen Maples
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

COMES NOW,

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Caribbean Healthcare System,
(hereinafter VACHS or Respondent) and respectfully states and requests:

1. The undersigned is the legal representative of the VACHS.
2. In discussions with the EPA attorney assigned to the present matter Ms. Karen L. Taylor, Esq. the Respondent has agreed with her to enter into settlement discussions regarding this Complaint.
3. The date has not been finally set for those discussions.
4. In order to allow time for both parties to explore the possibility of a settlement agreement we respectfully request an extension of time to answer the Complaint and to request a formal hearing.
5. VACHS will
6. It is the full intention of Respondent to request a formal hearing unless settlement is reached.
7. Ms. Taylor has suggested an extension of time of three months and VACHS has no objection.

WHEREFORE, VACHS respectfully requests an extension of time of ninety days to answer the Complaint and to Request a Hearing.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 15th day of October, 2008



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

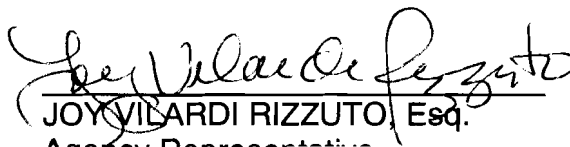
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Via certified mail to:

Complainant
through its representative:

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Oct 15, 08
Date



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