

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the Order Granting An Extension Of Time To File An Answer To Complaint by Regional Judicial Officer Helen Ferrara in the matter of Municipality of San Juan Puerto Rico, Dr. Javier J. Anton Hospital, San Juan Center for Dignostic and Treatment, Docket No. RCRA-02-2007-7112, was served on the parties as indicated below:

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Dated: January 16, 2008

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF:

Municipality of San Juan,
Dr. Javier J. Anton Hospital, San
Juan Center for Diagnostic and
Treatment,

Respondent

Docket No. RCRA-02-2007-7112

**ORDER GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN
ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT**

On December 20, 2007, the Respondent filed a Motion Requesting an Extension of Time. In an attempt to ascertain certain facts about this matter, as well as whether Complainant concurs with Respondent's request, I sent an electronic message to both parties on January 3, 2008.

In his responses, one of Respondent's attorney claims that he made an earlier written motion for extension of time to answer, together with a request for an informal conference and a Notice of Appearance, and had a consultant contact Complainant's office in an attempt to schedule an informal conference, and requests this second extension of time to discuss settlement and hopefully avoid costly litigation.

Conversely, Complainant notes that the Respondent has already had over sixty (60) days to answer the complaint, made no meaningful effort to contact the Complainant, and has not shown good cause for a further extension.

Based on the information provided to the undersigned by the parties, including the fact that the undersigned was never served with any prior motions in this matter, the fact that this all happened around and during the holiday season, and the Respondent's professed desire to discuss

settlement of this matter, all of which constitutes good cause shown under 40 CFR § 22.15, an extension through February 15, 2008 is hereby granted.

However, the undersigned takes note of the Complainant's objection, and advises the parties that any further extensions of time will require a strong showing of good cause justifying the extension, including proof that the parties made efforts to contact each other and discuss resolution of this matter.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Order shall be the date it is signed by the Regional Judicial Officer, shown below.

Date: January 10, 2008



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