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By email

Ms. Wanda Santiago
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Re: <u>In the matter of Houghton Chemical Corp.</u>, Docket No. EPCRA-01-2025-0007

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Please find attached for filing the following documents relating to the above-referenced matter:

- 1. A consent agreement executed by the parties and a proposed final order;
- 2. A letter to the Regional Judicial Officer requesting his signature on the proposed final order;
- A proposed certificate of service for you to complete following execution of the final order by the Regional Judicial Officer; and
- 4. A certificate of service acknowledging my filing and service of items 1-3 above.

The parties have consented to electronic service for receipt of the final Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO"). Accordingly, the Certificate of Service provides email addresses for service on both parties. Respondent signed the CAFO with a "wet" signature, and EPA's official signed electronically. Accordingly, I am submitting a PDF of the executed CAFO and will file Respondent's original signature page with you after I receive it in the mail.

Kristen Scherb is the lead attorney on this matter; I am filing the CAFO in her absence through July 18. If you have any questions regarding the CAFO this week, please call me at (617) 918-1148. Beginning Monday, July 21, please instead contact Kristen at (617) 918-1767. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Michael J. Knapp, Regional Judicial Officer, EPA; Mathew Todaro, Counsel for Respondent