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Re: In the matter of Houghton Chemical Corp., Docket No. EPCRA-01-2025-0007

Dear Ms. Santiago:

As described in the July 15, 2025 cover letter to you in this matter (enclosed), I am filing the "wet" signature page from the Respondent. Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 22.5, I am filing the original and one copy of the document, accompanied by a certificate of service.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scherb

**Enforcement Counsel** 

Enclosures:

Wet signature page

Copy of wet signature page

July 15, 2025 letter Certificate of Service

### FOR RESPONDENT:

Bruce E. Houghton

President

**Houghton Chemical Corporation** 

## **FOR RESPONDENT:**

Bruce E. Houghton

President

Houghton Chemical Corporation

Date



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July 15, 2025

By email

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Re: In the matter of Houghton Chemical Corp., 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;
- 3. 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.

# UNITED STATES ENVIONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 1 – NEW ENGLAND

In the Matter of:

Houghton Chemical Corporation,

Respondent

Proceeding under Section 325(c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)

Docket No. EPCRA-01-2025-0007

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing page bearing Respondent's original signature to the Consent Agreement and Final Order has been transmitted to the following persons on the date and via the method(s) noted below:

Original and one copy, hand-delivered:

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