

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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June 8, 2012

The Honorable Susan L. Biro, Chief Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 1900L Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: In the Matter of McCook Cold Storage Corporation, Docket No. EPCRA-05-2012-0005

Dear Judge Biro:

Enclosed please find Complainant's Third Status Report in the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely, Ophler R. Marhirek

Cathleen R. Martwick

Associate Regional Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Lloyd M. Sonenthal (w/ encl.)

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### BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Pursuant to this Court's Prehearing Order dated April 9, 2012, Complainant United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), submits this report regarding the status of settlement. EPA and Respondent McCook Cold Storage (hereinafter "Parties"), are working diligently on mediation efforts. As previously reported the Parties held their first substantive mediation session in Chicago on May 16. After the mediation meeting on May 16, EPA requested additional financial information to further consider Respondent's inability to pay claim and additional information on its supplemental environmental project (SEP) proposals. Respondent provided some financial information on May 21 and May 22. On May 25, EPA requested that Respondent clarify certain information. On May 29 Respondent provided additional financial information. On June 5 EPA notified Respondent that some previously requested information had yet to be submitted. Respondent provided additional financial information on June 5 and 6. On June 7, the Parties held a joint conference call to determine next steps and scheduled a follow-up conference call for June 14. EPA also requested additional financial information and renewed its request for SEP proposal information. During the conference call Respondent stated it hoped to provide the additional financial information by Monday, June 11 and the SEP proposal as soon as possible. Additionally on June 7, after the conference call, EPA memorialized its request for additional financial information and SEP proposals by sending an email request. As soon as EPA receives the requested information, EPA will evaluate it. Although settlement has not yet been achieved, the Parties plan to continue to diligently work on mediation efforts and settlement.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

# In the Matter of McCook Cold Storage Corporation Docket No. EPCRA-05-2012-0005

## Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing "Complainant's Second Status Report," dated  $\frac{6/8}{12}$  2012, was sent this day in the following manner to the addresses listed below:

Original and one copy hand -delivered to:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 60604

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Attorney for Respondent:

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