

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

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In the Matter of:)
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The Sousa Corporation)
1045 New Britain Avenue)
West Hartford, CT 06110)
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Respondent.)
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Docket No. EPCRA-01-2009-0049

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**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONDENT TO FILE ANSWER**

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.7(b), the Complainant and Respondent (“Parties”) respectfully request a 30-day extension (until December 28, 2009) for Respondent to file a written Answer to the Complainant’s Administrative Complaint. As grounds for this motion, the Parties state as follows:

- 1) On September 23, 2009, Complainant filed its Complaint in this action;
- 2) On or about September 25, 2009, Respondent received the Complaint;
- 3) On October 21, 2009, the Parties filed a motion to extend the time for Respondent to file an Answer since the Parties were actively engaged in negotiations to achieve an expeditious settlement of this matter;
- 4) On October 26, 2009, the Regional Judicial Officer granted the Parties’ motion to extend the Answer period until November 25, 2009;
- 5) The Parties are finalizing the terms of the supplemental environmental project to be included in the settlement agreement for this matter;
- 6) An extension until December 28, 2009 should provide the Parties with sufficient time to negotiate the settlement of this matter.

Date: 11/18/09

Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Motion for Extension of Time for Respondent to File Answer has been sent to the following persons on the date noted below:

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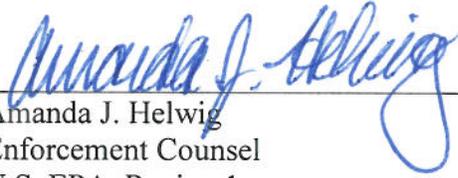
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