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**U.S. EPA REGION 1
HEARING CLERK**

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Proposed Expedited Settlement Agreement for:
In the Matter of: Washington Mills Group, Inc.
CWA-01-2026-0017

FROM: Cristeen Schena, Water Compliance Specialist

TO: Michael J. Knapp, Regional Judicial Officer

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), enclosed please find a proposed Expedited Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) that will simultaneously commence and settle the above-captioned action. The proposed Agreement has been signed by the parties and a Final Order that accompanies the Agreement is now being submitted for your approval.

Public notice of this proposed Agreement was provided as required by Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45. The proposed Agreement is being submitted more than 10 days after the close of the public comment period. The Regional Hearing Clerk has reported that the Clerk did not receive any comments concerning this proposed Agreement during this period.

Under the terms of this proposed Agreement, Respondent will pay a civil penalty of \$19,688. This proposed Agreement complies with all of the requirements of EPA’s Supplemental Guidance to the 1995 Interim Clean Water Act Settlement Penalty Policy for Violations of the Industrial Stormwater Requirements. Once you have signed the Final Order accompanying the Agreement, you will send the fully executed Agreement to the Regional Hearing Clerk for filing, and it will become final 30 days after the date of your signature.

CC (via email)

John C. Winkler, VP of Operations, Washington Mills Group, Inc.
Wanda I. Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 1
Bibeka Shrestha, Enforcement Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region 1
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