UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of

Hall Signs, Inc.

Docket No. 5-EPCRA-96-026

Respondent

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR ACCELERATED DECISION

Complainant's Motion for Accelerated Decision dated May 7, 1997, is denied as untimely.

The hearing in this matter is scheduled to begin on June 4, 1997. There is not enough time, under the EPA Rules of Practice, to allow for a response from Respondent and a decision by the

Administrative Law Judge in advance of the hearing. (See 40 CFR §§22.07, 22.16).

The parties are encouraged, however, to reach stipulations to undisputed facts in order to narrow the issues for hearing. The parties will be advised of additional hearing procedures when the arrangements for the hearing location are confirmed by the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Andrew S. Pearlstein

Administrative Law Judge

Dated: May 12, 1997

Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of Hall Signs, Inc., Respondent

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Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing **Order Denying Motion For Accelerated Decision,** dated May 12, 1997, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below.

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