UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMNISTRATOR

In the Matter of:

Silky Associates, LLC,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO: RCRA-03-2018-0131

STATUS REPORT AND PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro's August 31, 2018 Prehearing Order, Complainant, the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("EPA"), reports that the parties participated in a settlement conference on September 7, 2018 via the telephone but were unable to reach an agreement. It is anticipated that both parties will continue settlement discussions in an effort to reach an amicable resolution of this matter.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Pursuant to Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro's August 31, 2018 <u>Prehearing</u> <u>Order</u> and guided by Sections 22.21(d) and 22.19(d) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, Complainant prefers that the hearing be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania because of the support facilities that are available to all parties in Philadelphia, where EPA Region III's offices are located. In the alternative, EPA does not object to conducting the hearing at a suitable location in the county where Respondents resides.

Complainant consents to service of orders and decisions of the Tribunal, and to service of documents filed by Respondent, by email only, and requests that the email address <u>abramson.jennifer@epa.gov</u> be used for the purpose of accepting service of documents filed in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer M. Abramson Senior Assistant Regional Counsel

Date

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date below, copies of Complainant's STATUS REPORT AND PRELIMINARY STATEMENT were served upon the persons listed in the manner indicated.

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