

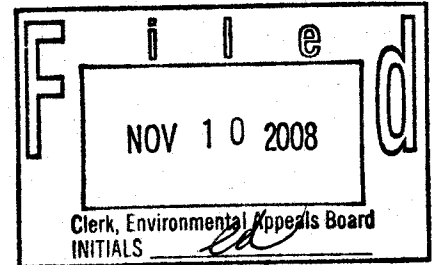
**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In re: _____)

ExxonMobil Corporation)

Permit No. MA0000833)

NPDES Appeal No. 08-23



ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS ON PETITION FOR REVIEW

By joint motion filed with the Board on November 6, 2008, the parties in the above-captioned matter, U.S. EPA Region 1 (“Region”) and ExxonMobil Corporation (“ExxonMobil”), request a three-month stay of proceedings “to allow the parties to undertake settlement negotiations with the intent of settling or narrowing the issues for review.” Joint Motion for Stay of the Proceedings (Nov. 6, 2008) (“Joint Motion”) at 1. In support of the stay, the Joint Motion states as follows:

A stay of this length is reasonable and necessary given the technical complexity underlying Region 1’s permitting determinations in this matter as well as the logistical difficulty of scheduling one or more meetings between Regional personnel based in Boston, Massachusetts, and ExxonMobil representatives based in Houston, Texas. If a stay is not granted, the parties will be forced to divert their time and effort to the proceedings before this Board, when there is a substantial possibility that the issues raised in the petition for review may be narrowed or resolved through settlement discussions.

Id. at 2.

For good cause shown, the Joint Motion is granted. The Region's response to ExxonMobil's petition for review in this matter shall now be filed with the Board no later than February 10, 2009.¹

So ordered.

Dated: *Nov. 10, 2008*

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By: *Charles J. Sheehan*
Charles J. Sheehan
Environmental Appeals Judge

¹ Documents are "filed" with the Board on the date they are *received*.

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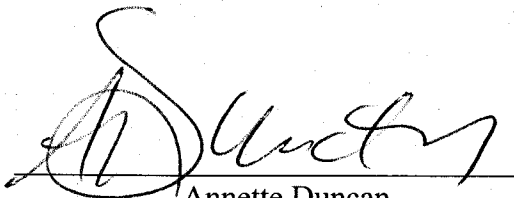
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