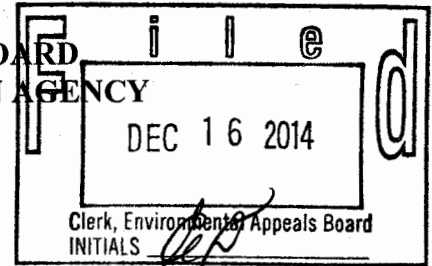


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD  
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re: )

General Electric Aviation )

NPDES Permit No. MA0003905 )

NPDES Appeal No. 14-03

**ORDER EXTENDING STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

On December 15, 2014, Region 1 ("Region") of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and General Electric Aviation ("GE") jointly filed a settlement negotiations status report and a request to extend the current stay of proceedings for an additional sixty days. The Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") previously granted a stay of proceedings through January 2, 2015, so that the parties could attempt to settle some or all of the issues presented in the petition for review that GE filed on October 30, 2014. The petition for review challenges several conditions of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit that the Region issued to GE on September 30, 2014.

The parties aver that they, along with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP"), have made significant progress in their settlement negotiations. Specifically, the parties and MassDEP have conducted two lengthy negotiation sessions and exchanged a substantial amount of written materials to both share information and propose ideas for settlement. Although the parties have reached an agreement in principle to resolve some of the straightforward issues presented in the petition for review, they request more time to develop and share information and further evaluate whether and how some of the more complex issues

may be resolved. The parties are optimistic that a full settlement can be reached if they have additional time to focus on their negotiations.

Upon consideration, the Board grants the parties' joint motion to stay the proceedings in the above-captioned appeal until **March 3, 2015**. Due to the federal holiday that falls on the parties' requested date to file a status report, the Region, in consultation with GE, shall file a status report no later than **February 13, 2015**, to update the Board on the progress of the parties' efforts to resolve the challenges to the permit contained in the petition for review. The parties shall inform the Board as soon as practicable of any settlement agreement they reach. The Board will decide whether to establish a briefing schedule or take other action based on the contents of the status report.

So ordered.

Date: *December 16, 2015*

By: *Kathie A. Stein*  
Kathie A. Stein  
Environmental Appeals Judge

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Order Extending Stay of Proceedings in the matter of General Electric Aviation, NPDES Appeal No. 14-03, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

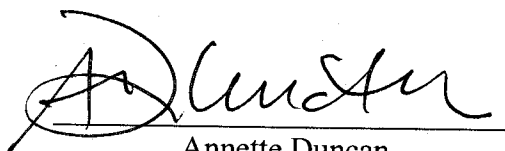
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