BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, DC

In re Final RCRA Permit for)	
Evoqua Water Technologies LLC and)	
Colorado River Indian Tribes)	RCRA Appeal No. RCRA 18-01
2523 Mutahar Street)	
Parker, Arizona 85344)	
EPA RCRA ID No. AZD982441263)	
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EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC'S RESPONSE TO EPA REGION IX'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFS RESPONDING TO BOARD'S QUESTIONS

Per 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(f)(4), Petitioner, Evoqua Water Technologies LLC ("*Evoqua*"), respectfully submits the following points in response to the above-referenced pending motion¹:

- 1. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.16, unstayed provisions of the RCRA Permit became effective on December 1, 2018, which was 30 days following the date of the Region's November 1, 2018 Notification Regarding Effect of Petition for Review.
- 2. Section 1.K of the RCRA Permit contains a Compliance Schedule that requires the Permittees (defined as both Evoqua and the Colorado River Indian Tribes ("*CRIT*")) to submit to the Region within 60 days of the effective date (i.e., by January 30, 2019), the following:
 - A permit modification application with a revised waste analysis plan and recommendation for a feed rate limit for sulfur;

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¹ US EPA Region IX's Motion for an Extension of Deadline to File Supplemental Briefs Responding to Board's Questions (Dec. 18, 2018).

- A permit modification application with revised and updated record retention requirements and process information, or an explanation of why this would not be required; and
- A permit modification application with a revised hazardous waste unit identification table and a revised and updated list of solid waste management units, hazardous waste management units and arfeas of concern, or an explanation of wny this would not be necessary.
- 3. The RCRA Permit also requires the Permittees to submit to the Region within 90 days of the effective date (i.e., by March 1, 2019), the following:
 - Pursuant to Section IV.E.6. either a secondary containment work plan or, as
 has been discussed with the Region, a certification of a new secondary
 containment area associated with a spent carbon unloading hopper; and
 - Pursuant to Section V.H.5, a closure activity notification that will trigger a complex series of steps to accomplish closure of a reactivation furnace designated as RF-1.
- 4. There are consequently several compliance deadlines looming, including deadlines that require submittal of RCRA Permit modification applications and/or other information by January 30, 2019, and additional deadlines shortly after that. Every one of these submittal requirements is currently a joint obligation of Evoqua and CRIT. As such, they are the exact type of condition that is at issue in the pending Motion for Stay. It is Evoqua's contention that EPA has a non-discretionary duty to stay these permit conditions.
- 5. The Region has requested that the EAB delay the supplemental briefing deadline until January 29, 2019, just one day before several contested submittals would be due. This extension would create an unnecessary and inappropriate hardship, as the work required to complete these submittals is substantial and it seems virtually assured that Evoqua will not know the appropriate deadline that applies until well after January 30th if the Region's request for an extension is granted.
- 6. Furthermore, as currently interpreted by the Region, the RCRA Permit modification applications that are now due by January 30, 2019 must be signed by both Evoqua and CRIT. Where CRIT's obligations under the permit are directly at issue in the

underlying request, and where Evoqua has petitioned the EAB to order a stay of those permit conditions, to grant the Region a three-week extension right up to these

important compliance deadline puts Evoqua at an extreme disadvantage.

7. The EAB ordered further briefing on December 14, 2018 and provided 25 days for the

parties to comply. While Evoqua is cognizant of the holidays and wants to

accommodate vacation schedules, the work that is necessary to respond to the EAB

order is not insurmountable, and a three week delay beyond the 25 days that were

granted does not address the very real concerns that Evoqua has raised.

8. Legal representatives of Evoqua and the Region engaged in several amicable

discussions on this scheduling issue to try to work out a reasonable accommodation but

these efforts did not ultimately result in an agreement.

9. Because all permit conditions not identified as stayed in EPA's Notification are now

fully effective and enforceable by operation of the applicable regulations, and because

compliance deadlines are rapidly approaching, Evoqua respectfully re-urges its request

that the EAB decide this motion, and requests that the EAB enter the requested order

on an expedited basis.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH WORD LIMITATION

Undersigned counsel for Evoqua hereby certifies that this response complies with the word

limit of 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(f)(5) because this response contains 729 words.

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Respectfully submitted,

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