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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

May 25, 2006

Ms. Eurika Durr
Clerk of the Board
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
607 14th Street, N.W.
Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Motion for Extension of Time
In the Matter of General Motors Automotive-North America
Docket No. RCRA-05-2004-0001/RCRA Appeal No.(3008) 06-02

Dear Ms. Durr:

Enclosed please find the original and five copies of Complainant's Motion for Extension of Time, filed herewith the U.S. EPA Environmental Appeals Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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General Motors Automotive - North America)
Docket No. RCRA-05-2004-0001)
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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A BRIEF IN RESPONSE TO GM'S
NOTICE OF APPEAL AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Complainant in the above action hereby requests an extension of time to file its Brief in Response to the Notice of Appeal filed by Respondent, General Motors on May 19, 2006, appealing the Order of Administrative Law Judge Barbara A. Gunning, issued on March 30, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 22.30(a)(2) of the *Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits*, (“*Consolidated Rules*” or “*CROP*”), Complainant must file its brief in response to a notice of appeal and brief within 20 days of service of that notice of appeal and brief. Respondent General Motors Corporation (“GM”) filed its Notice of Appeal on April 26, 2006 and it filed its Brief in Support of its Notice of Appeal on May 19, 2006. Service of GM’s Brief in Support of its Notice of Appeal was made by overnight mail. Pursuant to Section 22.7 of the *CROP*, Complainant’s Brief in Response to GM’s Brief in Support of its Notice of Appeal (“Brief in Response”) is due on June 8, 2006.

GM has raised issues of national significance in its appeal regarding the “point of

generation” of solid waste, the definitions of “discarded materials” and “spent materials” under RCRA, the applications of RCRA’s “manufacturing process unit” and “totally enclosed treatment unit” exemptions to the facts of this case and the relationship between the EPA and the State of Michigan in enforcing RCRA. The resolution of these issues may have a significant impact on the Agency's administrative enforcement actions, and affect the conduct of its business throughout the nation. Because of the potential breadth and impact of the issues raised by GM on the national program and the need to consult and coordinate with various offices within Headquarters so as to provide the Environmental Appeals Board with the unified view of the Agency, the Complainant is requesting an extension of time up to and including July 10, 2006 in which to submit its Brief in Response to GM’s Notice of Appeal and accompanying brief.

Counsel for Complainant has discussed this request for extension of time with counsel for GM. Counsel for GM has represented that GM has no objection to Complainant receiving a 15 day extension of time in which to file its Brief in Response. Notwithstanding GM agreeing only to a 15 day extension of time, Complainant believes the complexity of the issues presented in this appeal and their national significance warrants an extension of time to July 10, 2006. This request is particularly reasonable in that both the Memorial Day and July 4th holidays will occur

between now and the requested due date of July 10, 2006. This delay should not result in any prejudice to GM.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that the original and copies of this Motion for Extension of Time were filed in the following manner on May 25, 2006

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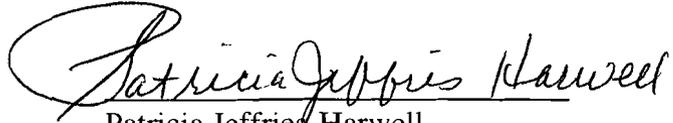
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