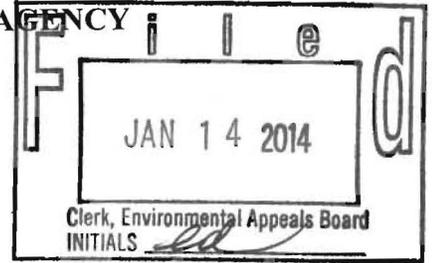


**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC**



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In re:)
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ExxonMobil Chemical Company)
Baytown Olefins Plant)
)
PSD Permit No. PSD-TX-102982-GHG)
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PSD Appeal No. 13-11

ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PETITION

On December 26, 2013, the Sierra Club, filed a timely petition requesting that the Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) review a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (“PSD”) permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (“Region”) to the ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Baytown Olefins Plant (“ExxonMobil”) in Harris County, Texas for construction of a new ethylene unit at an existing major stationary source. *See* Petition for Review of Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit Issued by Region VI for ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Baytown Olefin Plant (“Petition”) (Dec. 26, 2013).

By motion filed with the Board on January 10, 2014, the Region seeks an extension of time until January 23, 2014, to respond to the Petition. *See* Motion for Extension of Time (“Motion”). In support of the extension, the Motion states: “[i]n light of absences of EPA attorneys from the office from December 26, 2013 to January 17, 2014, Region 6 faces significant difficulties with preparing its response to the Petition for Review and compiling relevant portions of the administrative record by the date required under EPA rules. Extending

Region 6's response deadline to January 23, 2014 will promote the quality, accuracy, and completeness of the response and accompanying exhibits submitted by Region 6." Motion at 2. The Motion states further that the Region has consulted with counsel for the Petitioner and the permit applicant and that neither opposes the extension.

For good cause shown, the Motion is **GRANTED**. The Region's response to the Petition, along with relevant portions of the administrative record, must now be filed with the Board no later than January 23, 2014.¹

So ordered.

Dated: *January 14, 2014*

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By: 

Randolph L. Hill

Environmental Appeals Judge

¹ The Motion states that the extension request does not apply to the certified index to the administrative record and that the Region intends to file a certified index by January 16, 2014. Motion at 1.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing Order Extending Time to File Response to Petition in the matter of ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Baytown Olefins Plant, PSD Appeal No. 13-11, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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