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

In re:

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System United States Department of the Army, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, *Permit Applicant* NPDES Permit No. WAS-026638 NPDES Appeal No. 13-09

Date: November 25, 2013

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ADR

In response to the letter of the Clerk of the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") dated November 12, 2013, and within the timeline established by the letter from the Board, the United States Department of the Army ("Army") states that it is committed to the Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process and is interested in participating in the Board's Pilot ADR Program for this matter. During discussions with Courtney Weber, Assistant Regional Counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Region 10, the undersigned expressed the Army's desire to commence the ADR procedures, as outlined in Section II of the Board's ADR Program Information Sheet, *after* EPA Region 10 files its Response to the Petition for Review. The Army believes that commencing ADR *after* filing of EPA Region 10's Response will aid the ADR process by (1) allowing the parties to fully evaluate each side's legal position; (2) helping to narrow the issues presented for review; and (3) potentially allowing the parties to reach a resolution. As such, the Army accepts the Board's offer to participate in the ADR Program and is willing to work with EPA Region 10 and the Board in establishing a timeline for the commencement of ADR that will follow EPA Region 10's filing of its Response.

DATE: 25 November 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kari L. Hadley, hereby certify that on November 25, 2013, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review, via email as agreed to by all parties to the following:

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Dated this 25th day of November, 2013.

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