UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

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In the Matter of:) Appeal No. NPDES 13-09
JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD)
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM	
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NPDES Permit No. WAS-026638	

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Region 10 ("Region 10") and the United States Department of the Army ("Army") jointly move for an extension of the current stay of the proceedings. On June 24, 2014, the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") issued an Order Extending Stay of Proceedings which extended the stay of the above-captioned matter until October 30, 2014. The purpose of the stay was to allow the parties additional time to effectuate the settlement agreement that was reached in the matter.

In support of its motion, the parties state that, due to a necessary State of Washington proceeding, there is a delay in Region 10's ability to finalize the permit modification action. As a result, the parties have negotiated an amendment to the settlement agreement which requires Region 10 to issue a final permit modification by December 12, 2014. *See* Attachment A. Therefore, the parties request an extension of the current stay of the proceedings to December

17, 2014 which will provide the Army with time to file a motion to dismiss after Region 10 takes a final permit action on the permit modification.

DATED: October 15, 2014

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA")

Region 10 ("Region") and the U.S. Department of the Army ("Petitioner") signed a settlement agreement that resolved a petition for review contesting provisions of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued to Joint Base Lewis-McChord ("JBLM") for discharges from JBLM's municipal separate storm sewer system ("MS4"), Permit No. WAS-026638 ("Permit");

WHEREAS, Paragraph I.D. of the Settlement Agreement provided that "[w]ithin 120 days of the Effective Date of [the Agreement], the Region shall take final action on the draft permit modification, provided it has received a certification or waiver from the State of Washington pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.... If the Region is unable to

take final action...due to a delay in issuance of the Section 401 certification ..., the Region shall immediately notify Petitioner of the need to negotiate an extension..."

WHEREAS, the State of Washington was unable to provide the Section 401 certification for the permit modification within the 120-day deadline.

WHEREAS, Petitioner and the Region have agreed upon an extension of the deadline for completing the permit modification;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH I.D. OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

I. SPECIFIC TERMS

D. By December 12, 2014, the Region shall take final action on the draft permit modification unless unforeseen circumstances prevent the Region from taking such action. If such circumstances arise, the Region shall immediately notify Petitioner of the need to negotiate an extension to the deadline.

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