# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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#### JOINT STATUS REPORT

Comes now Complainant United States Environmental Protection Agency ('EPA) and Respondents Nestle Purina PetCare Company (hereinafter "Parties"), through counsel, pursuant to the March 28, 2012, Order Staying Proceeding in the above-referenced matter and respectfully file this Joint Status Motion.

Since the Order Staying Proceedings was filed on March 28, 2012, the parties have engaged in the following mediation activities:

- Parties finalized a contract with mediator Erich Birch;
- The Parties and mediator Erich Birch signed an Alternative Dispute Resolution Agreement;
- The parties and mediator Erich Birch signed a Confidentiality Agreement;
- The Parties have provided mediator Erich Birch with individual confidential position statements;
- The Parties have had individual telephone conferences with mediator Erich Birch;
- The Parties and mediator Erich Birch met on Thursday, May 31, 2012 for a full day of mediation activities; and
- The parties and mediator Erich Birch are scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 7,

#### 2012 for mediation activities.

The parties believe that progress was made at the May 31<sup>st</sup> mediation session and have scheduled a further in-person mediation sessions. The parties anticipate scheduling

further sessions as appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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On the 5th day of June, 2012

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