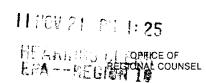


## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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November 21, 2011

Via Email at: whiting-beale.maria@epa.gov

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Re:

Joseph Oh and Holly Investment, LLC Docket No. RCRA-10-2011-0164

Dear Ms. Whiting-Beale:

This letter responds to the letter dated November 8, 2011, from Chief Administrative Law Judge Biro, requesting that I respond to the offer to participate in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) on behalf of the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA), Complainant in the matter referenced above.

Complainant has scheduled a settlement meeting with Respondents on November 30, 2011. Complainant believes that ADR may be more useful at a later time, after the parties have had the opportunity to meet and discuss their respective positions. However, Complainant is willing to accept the offer to participate in ADR at this time, if Respondents express a desire to participate in ADR.

Please contact me at <u>hilsman.deborah@epa.gov</u> or 206-553-1810, with any questions concerning this response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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