# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY 2003 SEP 22 FIT 3: 57 REGIONAL HEARING **REGION 2**

In the Matter of

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME T FILE PREHEARING EXCHANGE

Respondent.

Docket No. RCRA-02-2008-7507

Proceeding Under Section 9006 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended

#### **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PREHEARING EXCHANGE**

Counsel for Complainant and Respondent have conferred on this Motion and counsel for Respondent has authorized counsel for Complainant to submit this Motion for Exténsion of Time to File Prehearing Exchange.

By your Honor's Prehearing Order dated June 18, 2009, the parties were directed to hold a settlement conference on or before July 31, 2009. The parties have held such a settlement conference and have had numerous settlement discussions since that date as well. Complainant was ordered to file a status report on or before August 12, 2009. Complainant filed such a report on August 12, 2009 informing your Honor that the parties were making good progress toward a settlement and that such a settlement involved a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). Complainant noted that the parties were mindful of the Prehearing Exchange deadline and indeed considerable progress has been made on the specifics of the proposed SEP. Finally, Complainant reminded your Honor that this matter involves two federal agencies and many levels of management review.

The parties remain committed to resolving this matter expeditiously and without resort to expensive and resource-intensive litigation. Based on the above, Complaint hereby respectfully requests the grant of additional time to file its Prehearing Exchange as such a filing should not be necessary in this matter. As noted, Respondent does not oppose this Motion.

Complainant respectfully proposes that its Prehearing Exchange due date be extended to December 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

7-22-29

Dated

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused (or am causing) to be sent the foregoing Joint Motion For Extension of Time to File Prehearing Exchanges to the following addressees listed herein in the manner listed below:

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### Original and One Copy Hand Delivered to:

## Copy by Regular Mail to Attorney for Respondent:

<u>7-22-29</u> Date Judge Barbara A. Gunning Office of Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Mail Code 1900L 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460-2001

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