June 27, 2012

Honorable Susan L. Biro

Chief Administrative Law Judge

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW/Mail Code 1900L

Washington, D. C. 20460

Re: Empire Lumber Co. Docket No.: CAA-10-2012-0054

Complaint filed: 04/16/12

Proposed penalty: $90,200

Dear Judge Biro:

Pursuant to Section 22.21 of the Consolidated Rules of practice, 40 CFR 22.21(a), the above-captioned matter is hereby referred to you for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge. Pursuant to Section 22.21 a copy of the Complaint and Answer are enclosed.

All documents filed in this matter shall be filed with the Headquarters Hearing Clerk at the following address: Sybil Anderson, Headquarters Hearing Clerk, Mail Code 1900L, Office of Administrative Law Judges, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

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Sincerely,

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