UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-REGION VIT) In the Matter of **REGIONAL HEARING CLERK**) DOCKET NO. RCRA-07-2006-0153 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF) AGRICULTURE ANIMAL RESEARCH SERVICE/) NATIONAL ANIMAL DISEASE 1 CENTER,) Respondent)

REPORT RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

The Chief Administrative Law Judge's Order of May 12, 2006 provides that this alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process terminates July 11, 2006. The recommendation of this Report is that the ADR process be continued for another month, to August 11, 2006.

This continuation of the ADR process is recommended because the parties' negotiations have developed the possibility of a settlement, but additional time is needed if a settlement is to be actually concluded. In a conference call on June 8, 2006, the parties agreed on continuing the ADR process for another month. The parties' chances of achieving a settlement are sufficient to justify a continuation of ADR.

Accordingly, the undersigned will continue to work as a Neutral in this case and will file another report with the Chief Administrative Law Judge by August 11, 2006 unless otherwise directed by her.

Barbara A. Gunning Administrative Law Judge Dated: June 9, 2006

Approved:

Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge

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Dated:

In the Matter of United States Department of Agruculture, Animal Research Service, National Animal Disease Center, Respondent Docket No. RCRA-07-2006-0153

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing **Report Recommending Continuation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process**, dated June 9, 2006, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below:

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