UNITED STATES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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### BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of	)
Ms. Dessie L. Brumfield, d/b/a Brumfield Properties, LLC,	) Docket No. TSCA-05-2010-0014 )
Respondent,	

#### NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Respondent Counsel, Attorney Thomas J. McClure LLC, hereby gives notice he requests permission to be allowed to withdraw as counsel for the Respondent, for the following reasons:

- On July 26, 2012 Respondent, Ms. Dessie L. Brumfield, advised the judge and counsel
  by independent communications on her own, by e-mail and certified letter, she wished to
  represent herself forthwith without counsel and acknowledging the August 7, 2012 hearing
  date and requesting a one month adjournment to prepare by herself for same.
- 2. That it has been apparent throughout my time as Respondent's counsel she was very guarded in terms of what information she was willing to provide to anyone or any agency and that consistently hamstrung the necessary trust and freedom of cooperation necessary to continue the representation effectively between her and her counsel but the relationship was sufficient to represent her interests adequately nonetheless.
- 3. That despite the difficulties that attended the attorney client relationship the Respondent indicated she understood the proceedings and she would be capable of making necessary decisions in her interest and to testify or present and discuss financial matters at the hearing of this case.
- 4. That I believe the respondent has been informed sufficiently of all matters regarding the

case such that with some additional time to prepare and decide how she wishes to defend herself at the hearing, to whatever degree that might differ from what was previously agreed to, she is capable of doing so, along with any motions or responses to motions that may occur and has the file materials to do so.

4. That based on the above and my knowledge of the taciturn and decisive nature of the way respondent handles her affairs it is clear to me she wishes to proceed pro se from now on, without my representation, and I should immediately provide this Notice of Withdrawal to the judge so the necessary transfer of responsibility can be accomplished so the remaining parties can move forward to the hearing of this case and I will be providing the respondent with her file materials this date in expectation of this withdrawal being appropriate and allowed under the circumstances.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2012 at Delafield, Wisconsin.

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## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that today I filed by first class mail with LaDawn Whitehead, Regional Hearing Clerk, Region 5, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (E-19J), Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, the original document entitled NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL for this civil administrative action to the Court, and a copy of the original document to Complainant and Respondent by first class mail, at the following addresses:

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7/30/12

Dated