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Respondents)	

Docket No. CWA-07-2006-0057

ORDER DIRECTING FURTHER STATUS REPORT

In November 2005, the Complaint in this proceeding was filed. It then went through the Alternative Dispute Resolution process, without success. In June 2006 this Court issued its Prehearing Order which, following requests for extension, eventually produced the parties' prehearing exchanges. Although the parties advised that the case had settled, no consent agreement was forthcoming. This prompted the Court to issue an order directing a status report so that it could be determined if it was necessary to set the case for hearing after all. The status report advises that the parties still need to negotiate the terms of the Administrative Compliance Order and that the parties now anticipate that they "can have a final Consent Agreement completed by early December." EPA Status Report, November 3, 2006.

The case cannot gone on indefinitely. Accordingly, the Court directs that the parties provide a further status report by December 8, 2006 or submit a copy of the fully executed consent agreement at or before that time. In addition to complying with the procedural rules, the status report also is to be submitted via facsimile to the Court. If the parties have not reached a final settlement by the due date of the further status report, they are advised that the case will be set immediately for hearing.

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William B. Moran United States Administrative Law Judge

Dated: November 13, 2006 Washington, D.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the following **Order Directing Further Status Report**, dated November 13, 2006 was sent in the following manner to the addresses listed below.

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