

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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PROTECTION AGENCY-REG. II  
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IN THE MATTER OF )  
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Niagara Ceramics Corporation )  
) Docket No. RCRA-02-2007-7114  
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Respondent )

**PREHEARING ORDER**

As you have been previously notified, I have been designated to preside in the above captioned matter. This proceeding arises under the authority of Section 3008 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by various laws including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendment of 1984 (“HSWA”), 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq. (referred to collectively as the “Act” or “RCRA”). The Environmental Protection Agency (“Agency” or “EPA”) has promulgated regulations governing the handling and management of hazardous waste at 40 C.F.R. Parts 260 - 279.

As provided in the Rules, § 22.18(a), it is the Agency’s policy to encourage settlement of proceedings without the necessity of a formal hearing. However, the continuation of settlement negotiations will not provide good cause for not meeting the following schedule set in this Prehearing Order.

The schedule can now be set for the filing of prehearing exchanges under 40 C.F.R. § 22.19 in accord with the following procedure:

1. Each Party shall submit a list of all expert and other witnesses it intends to call with a brief narrative summary of their expected testimony; and copies of all documents and exhibits it intends to introduce into evidence. The exhibits should include a resume for each proposed expert witness.

2. The Complainant shall submit a statement explaining in detail how the proposed penalty amount was determined, including a description of how the specific provisions of any EPA penalty or enforcement policies or guidelines were applied in calculating the penalty.

3. If the Respondent intends to take the position that it is unable to pay the proposed penalty, or that payment will have an adverse effect on Respondent’s ability to continue in business, Respondent shall furnish supporting documentation such as financial statements or tax returns.

4. The Respondent is directed to clarify whether its defense admits liability but challenges the appropriateness of the penalty sought by EPA.

5. The Complainant shall submit a statement on the applicability of the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*, to this proceeding, including whether there is a current Office of Management and Budget control number involved and whether the provisions of Section 3512 of the PRA may apply to this case.

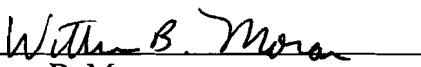
6. Each Party shall submit its views on the place for the hearing pursuant to §§ 22.21(d) and 22.19(d) of the Rules. Each Party should also indicate when they would be available for the hearing, and give an estimate of the time needed to present its direct case.

The Parties must simultaneously make their initial prehearing exchanges by **Tuesday January 15, 2008**. If Respondent does not intend to present a direct case, but does wish to cross-examine Complainant's witnesses, it must submit a statement to that effect instead of a prehearing exchange. After the initial exchanges, the Parties may file supplements to their prehearing exchanges (including any reply or rebuttal material), without motion, until 30 days before the date scheduled for the hearing.

I will schedule the hearing after I receive the Parties' initial exchanges.

**Upon completion of the prehearing exchanges, the Parties are directed to confer with one another in order to determine those issues which remain genuinely in dispute, so that the hearing may be focused on such matters. The Parties shall then submit a statement to me identifying those issues.**

**The original and one copy of all filings, with attachments, shall be sent to the Regional Hearing Clerk, and copies sent to the opposing Party and the Administrative Law Judge.**

  
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William B. Moran  
United States Administrative Law Judge

Dated: November 16, 2007  
Washington, DC

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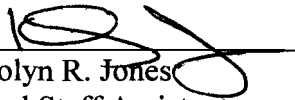
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing **Prehearing Order**, dated November 16, 2007 was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below:

  
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