

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

November 8, 2011

Honorable Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, MC1900L Washington, D.C. 20460

## RE: J.A. SUTHERLAND, INC. AND WALBERG, INC. DOCKET NUMBER: CAA-09-2011-0007 Complaint Filed: 09/29/2011 Proposed Penalty: Up to \$25,000 per day per violation

Dear Judge Biro:

Pursuant to Section 22.21(a) of the Consolidated Rules of practice (40 C.F.R. Part 22), the above captioned matter is hereby referred to you for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge. A joint Answer has been filed representing both respondents.

Also, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding of March 31, 2011 between Region 9 and the Office of Administrative Law Judges, the complete official Agency case file is being transmitted to the Headquarters Hearing Clerk, who will serve as designated recipient of all future pleadings and correspondence filed in this matter.

Respondents are represented by:

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Sincerely yours,

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