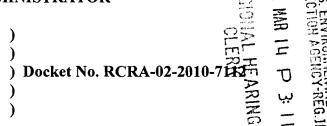
00UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:

MUNICIPALITY OF CATANO,

Respondent.



ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

A Prehearing Order was issued in this matter setting a due date of February 18, 2011, 2011 for the parties to file a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) or for Complainant to file its Initial Prehearing Exchange, and a due date of March 11, 2011 for Respondent's Prehearing Exchange. Complainant timely filed its Prehearing Exchange. On March 10, 2011, Complainant submitted a Motion Informing Agreement In Principle Reached by the Parties and Request for Extension of Time to File Executed Consent Agreement and Final Order ("Motion"), requesting an extension of time until April 29, 2011, to file the CAFO.

The Motion states that the parties have reached an agreement in principle, including a penalty, and need sufficient time to finalize the CAFO and obtain all necessary signatures and approvals. The Motion refers to the complexity of the review and concurrence process, and indicates that Respondent agreed to the filing of the Motion.

Such a lengthy extension of time is generally not granted unless the parties have demonstrated a need for such a lengthy period of time. However, there is a need for extra time in cases arising in Puerto Rico due to the additional complexity of the review and concurrence process for those cases.

The Motion is hereby <u>GRANTED</u> for good cause. Accordingly, the parties shall file the fully executed Consent Agreement and Consent Order (CAFO), or Respondent shall file its prehearing exchange, on or before <u>April 29, 2011.</u>

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: March 11, 2011 Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of Municipality of Catano, Respondent Docket No. CWA-02-2010-3456

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing **Order Granting Request For Extension Of time**, dated March 11, 2011, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below:

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