# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

IN THE MATTER OF:

Victor Morales P.O. Box 8817 Caguas, PR 00726

Victor Morales Lot Development

**RESPONDENT.** 

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2008-3357

Proceeding Pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g), to Assess Class II Civil Penalty

## JOINT MOTION REQUESTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE EXECUTED CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

COME NOW Complainant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Respondent, through the undersigned attorneys (together, the "Parties"), and respectfully allege, pray and request as follows:

- 1. On December 31, 2008, the Parties reached an agreement in principle dispositive of all matters asserted in the referenced Administrative Complaint.
- 2. The Parties are currently engaged in settlement discussions in order to reach an agreement as to the final language and terms of a Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CA/FO"). Once the CA/FO is finalized it will be placed into concurrence within several EPA offices located in Region 2's San Juan and New York offices for their review and concurrence. In addition, in order to file a duly executed CA/FO, the signature of the Respondents and the signature of the Regional Administrator are required. Once this process concludes, the fully executed CA/FO will immediately be filed.

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- 3. This Motion has been filed in order to have the Administrative Law Judges take notice of the agreement reached by the Parties and of the progress made in formalizing this agreement in a fully executed CA/FO. Due to the complexity of the review and concurrence process within the Agency and between the Parties to finalize a fully executed CA/FO, the Parties hereby request sixty (60) days (i.e., March 9, 2009), in order to file and notify a duly executed CA/FO.
- 4. Further to the above, the Parties hereby request a stay of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request the Honorable Court to take notice of the above and grant additional time to finalize a fully executed CA/FO.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY OF 2009.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing Joint Motion was sent to the respective addressees, in the manner specified, on the date below:

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#### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT

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Dated: January 12, 2009