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Ms. Maples,

Our office represents the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey with respect to the above-referenced matter. For the last few weeks, I have been in discussions with Mr. Brendan Killian, Water and General Law Branch, EPA R2, to informally resolve the penalty, including the performance of a supplemental environmental project (SEP). Mr. Killian advised yesterday with respect to the SEP that:

A SEP will first have to be proposed by New Brunswick and approved by EPA. The ultimate settlement agreement will need a description of the SEP/work that will be performed. EPA requires a schedule that includes a start and completion date, as well as milestones if necessary. The agreement must also include a detailed cost estimate. EPA will want documentation supporting the cost estimate.

In order for New Brunswick to gather the necessary information and documents for including the SEP in the ultimate settlement agreement, I respectfully request that the deadline to file an Answer to the Complaint in this matter be extended by ninety (90) days. Mr. Killian advises that such extensions have previously been granted in similar circumstances. Please let me know if this request requires some more formal submission or whether this email will suffice. Thank you.

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