

Whiting-Beale, Maria

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Subject: In the Matter of BP America Production Company; Docket No. CWA-08-2014-0037

Dear Ms. Whiting-Beale:

I represent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in this proceeding (In the Matter of BP America Production Company, Docket No. CWA-08-2014-0037).

Thank you very much for the November 14, 2014, letter from Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro offering an alternative dispute process (ADR) for the litigants in this case. Although EPA Region 8 has appreciated the assistance of the Office of Administrative Law Judges in the past in facilitating settlements through ADR. However, in this particular case, based on the settlement efforts the parties have thus far made, we do not believe that ADR would be a valuable use of the ALJs' time. We are, therefore, declining the offer in this instance. Thank you.

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