UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of)
MUNICIPALITY OF HATILLO,) DOCKET NO. CWA-02-2009-3455
)
Respondent)

REPORT RECOMMENDING TERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS AND ASSIGNMENT OF A JUDGE FOR LITIGATION

The Report of September 22, 2009 provides that this alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process terminates October 24, 2009. The parties continue to make significant progress toward settlement in this matter. Nonetheless, the Consent Agreement and Final Order have not been executed.

Therefore, I am recommending to the litigation judge that the parties, who have expended a great deal of effort and time in negotiating this settlement, be afforded additional time to finalize their settlement before the litigation process is initiated.

The undersigned expresses her appreciation to the parties for the courtesy and candor with which they participated in the ADR process.

Barbara A. Gunning
Administrative Law Judge
Dated: October 29, 2009

Approved:

Susan L. Biro

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: 10/29/09

In the ADR Matter of *Municipality of Hatillo*, Respondent. Docket No. CWA-02-2009-3455

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Report Recommending Termination of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and Assignment of a Judge for Litigation, dated October 29, 2009, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below.

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