# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION II

In the Matter of:

**MUNICIPALITY OF AÑASCO** 

RESPONDENT

STATUS REPORT

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2010-3454

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## STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Complainant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant") through the undersigned attorney, and respectfully alleges, prays and requests as follows:

Pursuant to the July 27, 2011 Order issued by the Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Barbara A. Gunning, counsel for Complainant submits the following status report in the above captioned matter.

The Complainant and the Municipality of Añasco (Respondent) (herein together the "Parties") continue to actively participate in good faith settlement negotiations in order to expedite a final resolution of this matter. As part of such efforts, today, counsel for Respondent and the undersigned attorney had a conference call to discuss the status of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that had been presented to EPA for consideration as part of Respondent's latest settlement offer. Counsel for Respondent informed that today Respondent

representatives and its private consultant were going to hold a meeting to

discuss some technical issues related to the SEP that were raised by EPA. On

Monday, August 8, 2011, Respondent expects to present EPA with the outcome

of such discussions.

This Motion has been filed today in order to have the Administrative Law

Judge, Honorable Barbara A. Gunning, take notice of the efforts made by the

Parties in trying to reach a settlement agreement dispositive of all matters

asserted in the administrative complaint.

This Motion was discussed today, August 5, 2011, with Juan M. Casellas

Rodríguez, Esq., attorney for the Respondent, who agreed to the filing of this

motion.

Respectfully submitted, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 5th day of August,

2011.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing **Status Report**, dated August 5, 2011, and bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and copy by facsimile, Overnight Mail to:

#### Karen Maples

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Administrative Law Judge

Honorable Barbara A. Gunning

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