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UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 10

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	
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<b>ESSENTIAL OIL RESEARCH FARM, LLC</b>	)	<b>Docket No. SDWA-10-</b>
	)	<b>2015-0021</b>
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<b>d/ba/ YOUNG LIVING LAVENDER FARMS</b>	)	
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<b>Respondent.</b>	)	
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

On November 24, 2014, after a public notice period the parties submitted a Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CAFO”) to the Regional Judicial Officer for approval pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18. The EPA Administrator has delegated authority to the Regional Administrator of Region 10 to issue Final Orders in cases under this Section and the Regional Administrator has redelegated his authority to the Regional Judicial Officer.

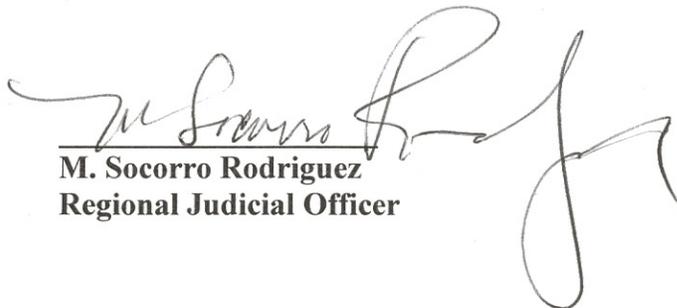
For the reasons set out below I have not signed the proposed Final Order. I am providing the parties with a 30 day opportunity to offer their arguments as to why the CAFO is consistent with Part 22 and, therefore, should be approved. I am also providing the parties the opportunity to explain how the proposed CAFO is consistent with the accompanying public notice that states “EPA has proposed the assessment of civil penalties up to the total amount of \$25,920 and the Respondent has entered into a consent agreement that will settle the matter for that amount.”

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.13 where the parties agree to settlement before the filing of a complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order. The parties in this case propose such a procedure through the submitted CAFO. However, the CAFO, as submitted does not comply with the requirement that such CAFOs must contain the elements described at § 22.14(a) (1)-(3) and (8). The Complainant alleges three violations. Only one of these is specific as to the violation alleged and the agreed penalty. As to the remaining two

alleged violations, the Complainant proposes to continue to investigate to determine whether there is a violation and whether there will be any penalty. No specific date has been set for the commencement or completion of the additional investigation.

Within 30 days of the date of this Order the parties are directed to submit written explanations of whether Counts 2 and 3 are alleged violations or potential violations which require further investigation. If Counts 2 and 3 are alleged violations rather than potential violations, I am asking Complainant to specify the amount of the penalty agreed upon and the date by which the penalty must be paid by the Respondent.

**SO ORDERED this 30th Day of December, 2014.**



**M. Socorro Rodriguez**  
**Regional Judicial Officer**